A register of Staffordshire parochial clergymen in 1665

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NB: Wives and children. Precise records of wives and children are seldom available and in the following short biographies the numbers of children given are of *known* children. In some cases children are merely *assumed* to be the children of a particular wife.

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Thomas Adams B.A. (parochial curate of Trentham) 1602-1667 **1**
Adams, christened 26 Sep 1602 at Burslem, was 2nd son of John Adams of Burslem yeoman c1570-1640 and (his 1st wife) Elizabeth. He studied at Cambridge where in Michs 1620 he was admitted as a pensioner at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1624.5. On 20 Sep 1628 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and on 23 Dec 1632 ordained priest by Chester *pro* Lichfield. By 1639 after probable presentation by the vicar of Leek *then* Francis Bowyer 1605-1648 he was in office as parochial curate of Rushton. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he may have continued here as *compliant* minister. After presentation by James Keeling he was in office as *compliant* minister of Blurton about 1649/52. On 10 Dec 1656 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Trentham and about 1658 certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 18 Aug 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 6 Oct 1663. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Trentham constablewick and was assessed on 1 hearth. Still in office he died, aged 65, and was buried here on 27 Mar 1667. A sundial on the south wall of Blurton church with the initials TA and the date 166(?7) may commemorate his death. His will made on 9 Mar 1666.7 was proved under Lichfield on 12 Jun 1667. His personalty was valued at £222 and included "the Librarie £20". In his will he wrote "the profitt of all my libraraie I give to my 2 daughters Sarah and Elizabeth". Adams married on 20 Jan 1628.9 at Trentham to Ellen Walter by whom he had 7 sons and 3 daughters. [NB: Although both Adams's father and older brother - progenitors of the family of master potters - styled themselves *yeoman* they were as wealthy as many a *gentleman*.]

Joseph Ainge (rector of Handsworth) c1624-1691 **2**
Ainge, born about 1624, was a son of Richard Ainge of Hampton, Warwicks "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 24 May 1639 he was a scholar at St John's College but is not known to have graduated. Probably as a literate he was ordained deacon and perhaps on 6 Jan 1644.5 ordained priest by Oxford *pro* Lichfield. In 1650/2 he was *compliant* minister of Hints, in 1657 *compliant* minister of Shipston-upon-Stour, Worcs and probably in 1659 *compliant* minister of Handsworth. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. On 21 Jun 1661 after presentation by the Crown (? by lapse) he was instituted rector and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. In Jan 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £120. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Handsworth and Perry Barr constablewicks and was assessed on 6 hearths at Handsworth township. Still in office he died, aged about 67, and was buried here in Dec 1691. His will made on 13 Nov 1691 was proved under Lichfield on 9 Mar 1693.4. Ainge married about 1649 to Agnes Dowley 1625-1706 dau of Robert Dowley (rector of Elford) c1584-1672 **QV** by whom he had 2 sons and 6 daughters. Samuel Ainge M.A. (rector of Haseley, Warwicks) c1656-.... was his older son to whom he bequeathed "all my study and library of books".

Simon Alkin (parochial curate of Ellenhall & Ranton) c1640-1684 **3**
Alkin, born about 1610, was a son of Walter Alkin of Ellenhall yeoman c1610-1688. He was only educated to literate grade. On 20 Nov 1662 he was appointed schoolmaster of Eccleshall parish school but had been replaced in office by 1 Jan 1663.4. In Jul 1664 he was ordained deacon and in Dec 1664 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. Also in Dec 1664 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. After probable presentation by Jonathan Cope of Ranton Abbey esquire c1627-1670 he was by 1665, *jointly*, in office as parochial curate of Ellenhall and Ranton. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Ranton & Coton Clanford constablewick but was not assessed there or at Ellenhall probably because he was living with his father who was assessed on 1 hearth at Ellenhall. About 1680 his joint annual salary at Ellenhall and Ranton was said to be £10. Still in both offices he died, aged about 44, and was buried on 19 Aug 1684 at Ellenhall. Alkin married on 30 Jul 1676 at Ellenhall to Elizabeth North by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters.

Thomas Aspinall M.A. (parochial curate of Blurton) c1632-1695 **4**
Aspinall, born about 1632, is of uknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where on 6 Nov 1650 he was a servitor at Brasenose College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 8 Feb 1652.3 (M.A., 2 Jul 1659). He may have been qualified as a presbyterian clergyman. On 20 Aug 1662 he was in office as parochial curate of Blurton when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* but was only ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 21 Aug 1662. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 2 hearths at Blurton township. Still in office he died, aged about 65, and was buried here on 6 Jan 1694.5. His will made on 30 Aug 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 30 Jan 1694.5. The value of his personalty is undiscovered but in his will he made bequests of about £200 which included a charitable bequest "... to buy two bibles & a pair or two of shoes [for] children in Blurton... Also the great Bible and the common prayer booke [for] use of the Chap: of Blurton... the 2d vol: of Foxes Martyrs to cossen Wm Clud [? William Cludd of

Uttoxeter haberdasher of hats ?1647-1712]... till the towne of Uttoxeter provide the other two vol: and all three placd in the church of Uttoxeter". Aspinall married first on 23 May 1662 at Maer to Mary Foden (d 1679) (no known children). He married second on 4 Apr 1681 at Ashley to (? a widow) Frances Wood (d ?1696) (no known children).

Ralph Astle B.A. (vicar of Sandon) c1608-1666 **5**
Astle, born about 1608, was a son of Ralph Astle of "Goldborne", Cheshire "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 20 Oct 1626 he was a student at Brasenose College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 28 Jan 1629.30. On 22 May 1630 he was ordained deacon and on 30 Mar 1632 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 22 May 1635 he was licensed as a preacher by Sir Nathaniel Brent knight D.C.L. c1574-1652 (probably *pro* Oxford university). On 11 Jan 1635.6 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) George Digby of Sandon esquire c1590-1675 he was instituted vicar of Sandon. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. On 30 Dec 1648 the *Committee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £30 to his annual salary of £26/13/4. In 1658 he certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office.
On 11 Aug 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity.* For a period in 1662/3 Astle was, both parochial curate & vicar-preacher of Tamworth. In 1665 Sandon vicarage was valued at £30. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Sandon constablewick but was assessed on 4 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 58, and was buried here on 10 Jan 1665.6. Astle married on 18 Nov 1639 at Church Eaton to Mary (probably widow of John Farrington of Mitton in Penkridge gentleman c1604-1639) by whom he had 3 daughters.

Edward Atwood (vicar of Harborne) e1628-?1667 **6**
Atwood, born perhaps about 1628, is of unknown parentage. He is said to have studied at Oxford as a student at New Inn Hall but did not graduate. As a literate in Jan 1662.3 he was ordained deacon and in Jul 1663 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 4 Dec 1663 after probable presentation by the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was in office as vicar of Harborne. In 1646 the vicarage was valued at £40. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Harborne & Smethwick constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he probably died, aged about 39, in 1667. Atwood married perhaps in 1658 to Mary (?Ward) by whom he may have had 2 daughters.

Andrew Bailey M.A. (sacrist of Wolverhampton) c1596-1670 **7**
Bailey, born about 1596 (probably at Wolverhampton where his father then lived), was a son of William Bailey (vicar of Pattingham) c1566-1633 and Margaret Plankney dau of Henry Plankney of Wolverhampton gentleman c1534-1608. He was probably educated at Wolverhampton Grammar School. He studied at Oxford where on 18 Nov 1614 he was a student (? at Hart Hall) and subscribed (? to *The 39 articles of religion* (1571)). At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 12 Jun 1618 (M.A., 6 Jul 1621). On 12 Mar 1620 he was ordained deacon by Oxford at Watlington, Oxon and on 27 May 1621 ordained priest by Oxford *pro* Lichfield. On 26 Jan 1622 he was appointed a stipendiary curate at Wolverhampton and likely served until 1633 when he probably succeded his father as official of Wolverhampton. In Nov 1636 after presentation by Martin Briggs gentleman (and/or Walter Grosvenor gentleman and William Skinner gentleman) he was instituted vicar of Shifnal, Salop. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister but was removed in 1646 and subsequently imprisoned for debt. It is said that when Bailey was removed his children were mistreated, his books (valued at £300) were burnt, his goods (valued at £500) were stolen and he did not receive the *fifth.* In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as vicar but probably resigned about Apr 1661 when after presentation by the Crown on 19 Apr 1661 he was appointed sacrist of Wolverhampton. [In that capacity he may have acted as vicar of Wolverhampton and may have appointed a number of stipendiary curates]. In 1661 he was also (?again) in office as official and by then had been appointed prebendary of Wolverhampton Kinvaston. In 1665 Bailey did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 8 hearths at Goat Street, Wolverhampton. Still in office as sacrist, official and prebendary he died, aged about 74, and was buried here on 6 Aug 1670. Bailey married about 1626 to a woman by whom he had 3 sons and 6 daughters. Andrew Bailey (parochial curate of Tettenhall) c1628-.... **QV** was his first son. Daniel Bailey (vicar of Sutton Maddock, Salop) c1637-1725 was his second son. His daughter Mary was the wife of Francis Williams (stipendiary curate of Wolverhampton) c1633-1689. [NB: Bailey is said to have bought a turn to present at Old Swinford, Worcs for £500 and subsequently received £600 from the presentee. It does then appear that Bailey was once a wealthy man but his wealth at death is undiscovered.]

Andrew Bailey (parochial curate of Tettenhall) c1628-.... **8**
Bailey, born about 1628, was 1st son of Andrew Bailey (sacrist of Wolverhampton) c1596-1670 **QV**. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon and priest

before 1665 when he was in office as parochial curate of Tettenhall. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Tettenhall Regis constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths. However it appears his main residence was at Dudley Street, Wolverhampton where he was assessed on 5 hearths. Bailey married about 1654 to a woman by whom he had 2 sons and 4 daughters. John Bailey (stipendiary curate of Wolverhampton) 1655-1705 was his first son and in his will mentions several cousins but not his parents or siblings. [NB: No further record of Andrew or his family has been discovered. It is possible that two men of this name were contemporaries.]

George Barnsley M.A. (parochial curate of Whitmore) c1645-1724 **9**
Barnsley, born about 1645, was a son of George Barnsley of Hallam, Yorks (? West Riding). He was educated at Dronfield, Derbys. He studied at Cambridge where on 17 Feb 1660.1 he was admitted as a sizar at Magdalene College and matriculated in 1661. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1664.5 (M.A., 1668). By Apr 1665 after probable presentation by the rector of Stoke-upon-Trent *then* John Mainwaring c1605-1692 **QV** he appears to have been in office as parochial curate of Whitmore. In May 1665 he was ordained deacon and on 22 May 1665 licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. In 1665 the parochial chapelry was valued at £5. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Whitmore constablewick and was not assessed there. On 3 Mar 1666.7 he was ordained priest by Lichfield. He resigned at Whitmore before 23 Sep 1670 when after presentation by Hester Honywood he was instituted rector of Markshall, Essex. He resigned here before 17 Jun 1674 when he was instituted rector of Sedlescombe, Sussex. On 8 Mar 1676.7 after presentation by Stephen Frewen gentleman he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Northiam, Sussex where he resigned on 9 Mar 1692.3. On 15 May 1696 he was collated prebendary of Chichester Hova Villa (and installed 18 Sep). For a few months in 1707 he appears to have been replaced as rector of Sedlescombe. Still in office at Sedlescombe and as a prebendary he died, aged about 79, on 5 Dec 1724 and was buried on 10 Dec at Sedlescombe. An inscribed monument was placed in (or near) the church. His will made on 7 Sep 1723 was proved under *PCC* on 12 Feb 1724.5. He made charitable bequests of over £1,500 to various causes and a number of books to start a library at Sedlescombe. "I bequeath unto the Society or Corporation for propagating the gospell in foreign parts £500... unto the Society or Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy for the reliefe of the Widows and Orphans of the poor Clergy £500... £500 for the education of poor children (whose parents are not of ability to pay for their learning) in the knowledge and practice of the Christian Religion as professed and taught in the Church of England in the best manner of the Charity Schools... I give... the following usefull Commentators viz bishop Patrick in Eleven Volumes, Nine Volumes of larger Criticks and Whitby on the New Testament for the beginning of a parochial library...". The source of Barnsley's wealth is undiscovered. Barnsley may not have married.

Isaac Barton (vicar of Rushall) c1639-1678 **10**
Barton, born about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 11 Dec 1662 after presentation by Edward Leigh of Rushall esquire ?1602-1671 he was instituted vicar of Rushall. It was only later that month (19 or 21 Dec) he was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Lichfield and also (in Dec) licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Rushall & Goscote constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths at Rushall. Still in office he died, aged about 39, and was buried here on 7 Jan 1677.8. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 29 Mar 1678. His personalty was valued at £16/9/7 and included "In the Studey i dore i chayre i disk i tabell 68 Bookes all £1/10/0". Barton married about 9 Jan 1662.3 probably at Walsall to Margaret Orme of Lichfield St Michael (b c1641) by whom he had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Daniel Bayley M.A. (rector of Stafford St Mary & Tixall) c1600-1676 **11**
Bayley, born about 1600, was probably a son of Richard Bayley (*later* of Haughton) "gentleman" c1570-1629 and (his 1st wife). He studied at Cambridge where on 15 Jun 1618 he was admitted as a pensioner at Emmanuel College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1621.2 (M.A., 1626). On 23 May 1624 he was ordained deacon and the next day 24 May 1624 ordained priest (both) by Peterborough. On 11 Sep 1639 after presentation by the Crown he was instituted rector of Stafford St Mary. In Feb 1643.4 he refused to sign the *Solemn league and covenant* and was consequently removed. On 20 Dec 1648 parliament appointed him *compliant* minister of Tixall rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He was also, *plurally,* restored as rector of Stafford St Mary and thus displaced Noah Bryan c1635-c1672. On 28 Sep 1660 he was collated and installed prebendary of Lichfield Gaia Major. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 22 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Burton & Rickerscote, Forebridge and Stafford Borough constablewicks and was assessed on 2 hearths at East Gate Ward, Stafford (having recently moved from a house with 4 hearths). By 21 May 1666 another man was placed in his office as prebendary perhaps on instruction by John Hacket (bishop of Lichfield, 1661-70) who "believed he was of vicious life". On 12 May 1674 after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield

Pipa Minor *then* Anthony Scattergood D.D. 1611-1687 he was, *jointly*, licensed parochial curate of Stafford St Chad. Still in office at Stafford St Chad, Stafford St Mary and Tixall he died, aged about 76, and was buried on 1 Aug 1676 at Stafford St Mary. Bayley married on 28 Aug 1627 at Haughton to (his step-sister) Philippa Bold dau (? and heir) of Edward Bold of "Booden", Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 and Alice (who had married as her second husband on 16 Nov 1624 at Haughton to Daniel's father Richard Bayley). By his wife Philippa - Daniel Bayley had 6 sons and 2 daughters. Bayley *qua* rector of Stafford St Mary was patron of the parochial chapelry of Marston (where he had probably presented Henry Tompson **QV** about 1662). [NB: In 1595 the next turn to present at Haughton was granted by Sir Ralph Bourchier of Beningbrough, Yorks North Riding knight c1528-1598 to Philip Bold of London citizen and merchant c1518-1596. This turn passed to Edward Bold of "Booden", Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 who presented Thomas Fletcher c1594-1684 as rector of Haughton in 1620. Daniel Bayley believed *in error* that his wife Philippa (apparently Edward's heir) had inherited the advowson of Haughton. Daniel, Philippa and their heir apparent Bold *wrongly* mortgaged it in 1655 and sold it in 1666.]

John Bearblock (parochial curate of Bloxwich) 1639-1686 12

Bearblock, born 28 Sep 1639, was 1st son of Henry Bearblock of London St Botolph's Lane merchant taylor. He was educated at London Merchant Taylors School where he was admitted in 1651. He studied at Oxford where on 28 Jun 1659 he was a scholar at St John's College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. In Sep 1663 he was ordained deacon and in Dec 1664 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. Perhaps on 23 Dec 1664- when he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield at Bloxwich - after probable presentation by the vicar of Walsall *then* Richard Bourne 1612-1687 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Bloxwich. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Walsall Foreign constablewick (which included Bloxwich township) but was not assessed there. Whilst at Bloxwich he was also likely head schoolmaster of Bloxwich endowed school. Still in office, he died, aged 47, and was buried here on 3 Mar 1685.6. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 10 May 1686. His personalty was valued at £6/14/10. Bearblock married about 22 Feb 1668.9 Ann Drakeford by whom he may have had two children - perhaps 1 son and 1 daughter - who both died young.

Edward Beardmore (parochial curate of Keele) ?1619-1679 13

Beardmore, (? christened on 3 Oct 1619 at Whitmore), was probably a son of Edward Beardmore of Whitmore "gentleman" and Isabella. He studied at Cambridge where on 9 Sep 1650 he was admitted as a pensioner at Jesus College but did not graduate. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman about 1650 when he was in office as presbyterian minister of Whitmore. He was still in office in 1653 but had resigned or been removed before Jan 1661.2. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. On 20 & 21 Feb 1663.4 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield and the next day 22 Feb licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. On 1 Aug 1665 after probable presentation by the vicar of Wolstanton *then* Isaac Keeling 1605-1679 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Keele. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Keele constablewick nor was assessed there but a man of his name was assessed on 2 hearths at Whitmore township. Perhaps still in office at Keele (but living at Newcastle) Beardmore died, aged about 60, and was buried on 31 Jan 1678.9 at Swynnerton. Beardmore may have married on 19 Nov 1650 at Whitmore to ?Grace Fenton (no known children). [NB: About 1661 a "Mr Gracecourt" is said to have been removed from Whitmore perhaps in error for Beardmore. About 1676/9 Richard Taylor B.A. e1639-1696 may have been stipendiary curate-in-charge at Keele.]

Francis Birch M.A. (parochial curate of Harlaston) 1605-1670 14

Birch, christened on 28 Apr 1605 at Shenstone, was 2nd son of John Birch of Little Aston in Shenstone yeoman c1568-?1641. He studied at Oxford where on 8 Jul 1625 he was a student at Oriel College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 30 Oct 1628 (M.A., 3 Jul 1632).On 30 May 1629 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and in Mar 1631 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 25 May 1635 he was licensed as a preacher by Sir Nathaniel Brent knight D.C.L. c1574-1652 (probably *pro* Oxford university). On 27 Jan 1636.7 he was appointed as parochial curate of West Bromwich but was in office only a few weeks before being replaced on 9 Mar. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. On 1 Jan 1646.7 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Edingale but it is undiscovered how long he served. (He was succeded in office by 19 Aug 1662). By 1651/2 he was probably in office as *compliant* minister of Barton-under-Needwood where he was succeded in office by 2 Mar 1655.6. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. By 1661 after probable presentation by the rector of Clifton Campville *then* Henry Gilbert c1608-1664 he was in office as parochial curate of Harlaston and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Jul 1662. Probably in 1661 he was also appointed head schoolmaster of Barton-under-Needwood Grammar School. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Harlaston constablewick and was not assessed there. He was probably resident at his school which was assessed on 6 hearths. Still probably in both offices he died, aged 65, and was buried on 9 Sep 1670 at Barton-under-Needwood. His will made

on 14 Jun 1670 was proved under Lichfield on 5 Oct 1670. Birch may not have married. [NB: After graduation Birch's main occupation may have been that of schoolmaster (of which no record has been discovered before 1661), if so, his clerical career may have been subsidiary.]

John Bonsall (parochial curate of Sheen) ?1631-1683 **15**
Bonsall, (? christened on 1 Sep 1631 at Hartington), was probably a son of William Bonsall of Hartington, Derbys yeoman c1590-.... and Elizabeth. He was only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon by 28 Jul 1663 when he was probably licensed parochial curate and appointed reader of Sheen. By 1 Aug 1665 he was also schoolmaster of Sheen parish school and that day was "noted as excommunicated". In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Sheen township and was not assessed there. Still in office he died, aged about 52, and was buried here on 22 Mar 1682.3. Bonsall married perhaps about 1668 to Margaret by whom he had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Richard Bourne M.A. (vicar of Walsall) 1612-1687 **16**
Bourne, christened on 5 Sep 1612 at Norton-in-the-Moors, was a son of Thomas Bourne of Norton-in-the-Moors "gentleman" c1582-.... and Margaret. He studied at Oxford where on 21 Jun 1633 he was a student at Exeter College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 5 May 1636 (M.A., 5 Feb 1638.9). He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 1641 when after probable presentation by the vicar of Wolstanton *then* Francis Capps c1589-1643 he was in office as parochial curate of Newchapel. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he probably continued here as *compliant* minister but may have resigned before 17 Jun 1646 when he was probably in office as *compliant* minister of Cannock. Here, apparently a *committed* presbyterian, he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. It is said that, whilst at Cannock, Bourne had preached a sermon and was leaving his pulpit when a deranged parliamentary trooper shot him in the thigh and "affirmed that Mr. Bourn had a Devil; because, said he, nothing but the Devil could have told him of those Sins, which I have been Guilty of ...". In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. On 6 Sep 1660 he was installed prebendary of Lichfield Ufton Decani. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 11 Aug 1662. At Cannock he probably resigned before 10 Oct 1662 when after presentation by Sir Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhey in Faddiley, Cheshire 3rd Baronet c1625-1692 he was instituted vicar of Walsall. In Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Walsall Borough constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths at Walsall Foreign constablewick. About Jun 1682 he resigned his prebend in favour of his son Thomas. Still in office at Walsall he died, aged 75, and was buried here on 18 Apr 1687. His will made on 3 Sep 1686 was proved under Lichfield on 5 Apr 1687. His personalty was valued at £161. Bourne married in 1641 to Jane Burton of Norton-in-the-Moors by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter. Bourne *qua* vicar of Walsall was patron of the parochial chapelry of Bloxwich (where he had probably presented John Bearblock **QV** about 1664).

Hugh Braddocke (parochial curate of Lichfield St Chad) e1620-1670 **17**
Braddocke, born perhaps about 1620, is of unknown parentage. On 1 Sep 1661 he was appointed lay vicar choral of the prebend of Lichfield Freeford. Probably as a literate in Jul 1663 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. Perhaps later that year after probable presentation by the vicar of Lichfield St Mary *then* Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-1676 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Lichfield St Chad. On 13 Feb 1664 having resigned at Freeford he was appointed vicar choral of the prebend of Lichfield Alrewas. In 1665 he was living in Lichfield Close where he was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in both offices he died, perhaps aged about 50, and was buried on 17 Feb 1669.70 at Lichfield St Chad. His will made on 12 Jan 1669.70 was proved under Lichfield on 8 Jan 1670.1. His personalty was valued at £31/13/8 and included "2 ould Service Books 1 old Bible with some other Bookes 5/0". Braddock married perhaps about 1650 Elizabeth by whom he probably had 1 daughter.

Thomas Broad M.A. (rector of Swynnerton) 1632-1703 **18**
Broad, christened on 1 Apr 1632 at Stoke-upon-Trent, was first son and heir of Richard Broad of Little Fenton in Stoke-upon-Trent "gentleman" c1595-1670 and Margaret. He studied at Cambridge where on 14 Mar 1647.8 he was admitted as a pensioner at Jesus College, matriculated and in 1649 was a scholar. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1651.2 (M.A., 1655). On 17 Jun 1661 his M.A. was incorporated at Oxford. He may have been qualified as a presbyterian clergyman. On 12 Jul 1662 he was in office as vicar of Alton when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* but was only ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662. He probably resigned here before 26 Aug 1662 when after presentation by John Colclough of Burslem gentleman c1624-1666 he was instituted as rector of Swynnerton and inducted on 2 Sep. On 26 Nov 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £60. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Swynnerton but was assessed on 6 hearths. Still in office he died, aged 71, and was

buried here on 10 Jun 1703. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 15 Jun 1703. Broad married on 24 Mar 1658.9 to Sarah Bagnall (b 1637) dau of Robert Bagnall of Longton "gentleman" c1595-.... and Margaret by whom he had 4 sons and 4 daughters. Richard Broad B.A. 1660-.... his first son and heir was ordained a deacon on 23 Sep 1682. [NB: Thomas Broad (rector of Aylton, Herefs) c1636-1709 was a contemporary clergyman.]

Lancelot Bromwich B.A. (rector of Enville) 1627-1681 **19**

Bromwich, christened on 30 Dec 1627 at Bewdley, was son and heir of Francis Bromwich of Bewdley, Worcs gentleman ?1605-?1667 and Jane (Lee). He studied at Oxford where on 20 Oct 1646 he was a student at Magdalen Hall and matriculated. At Oxford he was created B.A. on 15 Apr 1648. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1656 when (? after presentation by his father Francis Bromwich) he was in office as presbyterian minister of Enville rectory. By late 1656 as "Preacher at Enfield" he was a member of the *Worcestershire Association.* His appointment as minister was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* on 12 Jan 1658.9. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 5 Mar 1661.2 he was ordained deacon and priest and the next day licensed as a preacher (all) by Lichfield. On 14 Aug 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity.* In 1665 the rectory was valued at £100. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Enville constablewick and was assessed on 7 hearths. Still in office he died, aged 54, on 28 Jun 1681 and was buried here on 29 Jun. An inscribed monument was placed in the church (below). His will made on 25 Jun 1681 was proved under *PCC* on 24 Nov 1681. His personalty was valued at £4,608/8/8 - over six times the next highest cohort rectorial personalty. Bromwich married about 1653 to Alice Cox c1632-1689 dau of John Cox of Clent "gentleman" 1579-1644 by whom he had 4 sons and 5 daughters. None of the sons survived childhood and most of Bromwich's very large real and personal estate eventually passed to the heirs of his only two married daughters - Dorothy wife of Sir Francis Charlton of Ludford, Herefs 2nd Baronet 1651-1729 and Elizabeth wife of Roger Pope of "Diamond Hall", Bridgnorth, Salop 1668-1706.

(Enville) Non procul ab accensu huius cancellae jacet Dominus Lancelot Bromwich artium magister Francisci Bromwich nuper de Bewdley in agro Vigorniensi generosi filius. Necnon Rector Ecclesiae parochialis de Enfield ubi per annos triginta in sacris laboravit haec stemmata gerens Qui quidem Lancelot Dominam Aliciam Johannis Cox de Clent in agro Staffordiensi generosi filiam in uxorem duxit per quam novem infantes habuit ex quibus quatuor pueri et filia duae cum eo sepulti sunt Obiit vicesimo octavo die Junii anno aetatis quinquagesimo secundo et ab incarnatione Domini MDCLXXXI

Richard Buller (parochial curate of Adbaston) c1610-1678 **20**

Buller, born about 1610, was a son of John Buller (vicar of High Offley) c1574-..... He studied at Oxford where on 18 Jun 1630 as a student at Pembroke College he matriculated but is not known to have graduated. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest at some time after 1632 when (probably) after presentation by the prebendary of Brewood he was appointed parochial curate of Adbaston. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. On 12 July 1647 the *Committee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £10/10/0 "out of the rent reserved for the dean from this impropriate rectory, in addition to the £14 which was accustomed to be paid by the farmer thereof and the parsonage house, churchyard, etc, worth £2/10/0 pa". In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Adbaston constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Adbaston township. Still in office he died, aged about 68, and was buried here on 30 May 1678. Buller married on 25 Jul 1648 at Adbaston to Mary Purifery (d 1674) (no known children).

John Burtinshaw (vicar of Caverswall) ?1638-1671 **21**

Burtinshaw, born about 1638, was probably son of Thomas Burtinshaw of Manchester, Lancs. He is probably the man of this name who studied at Cambridge and was on 5 Mar 1656.7 admitted as a sizar at Emmanuel College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. About Jan 1661.2 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield and after presentation by George Parker of "Park Hall", Weston Coyney in Caverswall esquire c1592-1675 was instituted vicar of Caverswall. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Jul 1662. On 22 Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Caverswall constablewick and was assessed on 1 hearth at Forsbrook in Dilhorne. Still in office he died, aged about 33, and was buried here on 18 Mar 1670.1. His will made on 26 Jan 1670.1 was proved under Lichfield on 8 Apr 1671. His personalty was valued at £108/19/0 and included " his library of bookes and Presse wherein hys bookes are". Burtinshaw married first about 1662 to Mary ?Hulme (d 1664) by whom he had 1 son. He married second about 1666 Joyce ?Wood (d 1713) by whom he probably had 3 daughters.

William Cataline (parochial curate of Betley) e1624-.... **22**

Cataline, born perhaps about 1624, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade.

He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before after probable presentation by (the lord of the manor) Randal Egerton of Betley esquire 1619-1681 he was licensed parochial curate of Betley about 1663. He signed Betley parish register "Guliel Cataline, rector ibm" about 25 Mar 1664. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Betley constablewick but was not assessed there. He had been replaced in office by 25 Mar 1667. Cataline may not have married. [NB: In 1667 "William Cataline D.D." was said to be parochial curate of Horton. A William Catlin was vicar of Crambe, Yorks North Riding in 1641 and another William Catlin c1598-1673 was rector of Hargrave, Northants in the period 1623-1673.]

William Chandler (vicar of Bushbury) c1605-1684 **23**
Chandler, born about 1605 (probably that William son of William Chandler of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwicks "gentleman" who studied at Oxford and on 23 Jan 1623.4 was a student at St John's College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated). He was ordained deacon and on 1 (or 10) Mar 1628.9 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 13 Jul 1632 after presentation by the prebendary of Brewood *then* Augustine Lindsell (dean of Lichfield) c1575-1634 he was instituted vicar of Brewood. On 22 May 1635 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister but had resigned before 1 Jul 1646. On 7 Aug 1646 after presentation by Walter Grosvenor of Bushbury esquire c1584-c1656 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Bushbury. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £20. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Bushbury-cum-Moseley and Essington constablewicks and was assessed on 2 hearths at Bushbury township. About 1679 he was appointed prebendary of Wolverhampton Monmore. Still in both offices he died, aged about 79, and was buried on 26 May 1684 at Bushbury. Chandler probably married about 1630 to a woman by whom he may have had 1 son and 3 daughters.

Francis Coke M.A. (rector of Yoxall) 1598-1682 **24**
Coke, born on 6 Nov 1598 at Trusley, was 4th son of Sir Francis Coke of Trusley, Derbys knight 1561-1639 and (his 1st wife) Frances Holles (b 1566) dau of Denzell Holles. He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1616 he was a pensioner at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1619.20 (M.A., Christ's College, 1623). In 1620 he was elected a fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge and served until 1637. He was also a Cambridge taxor in 1629. On 27 May 1621 - having obtained a faculty from the archbishop of Canterbury for simultaneous ordination - he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield and after 1632 was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. On 18 Nov 1637 after presentation by (his cousin) John Holles 2nd Earl of Clare 1595-1666 he was instituted rector of Yoxall. On 12 Feb 1638.9 he was by (his uncle) George Coke (bishop of Hereford) 1570-1646 collated precentor of Hereford. In Apr 1642 Coke was chosen by the *House of commons* as a member of the *Westminster assembly of divines* (which held meetings between 1643 and 1653). From 5 Feb 1643.4 his precentorship was abolished but he continued at Yoxall as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He was also restored as precentor. On 6 Dec 1660 after presentation by the Crown he was installed archdeacon of Stafford and on 6 Dec 1661 also after presentation by the Crown was installed prebendary of Lichfield Tachbrook. In 1665 Yoxall rectory was valued at £66/13/4. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Yoxall constablewick and was assessed on 5 hearths. On 8 Oct 1677 he was admitted as a canon residentiary at Lichfield. Still in all his offices Coke died, aged 84, and was buried (perhaps as requested in the chancel) on 4 May 1682 at Yoxall. His will made on 24 Nov 1681 was proved under Lichfield on 26 May 1682. His personalty was valued at £363/11/4 and included "his Studdy of of[sic] bookes £50". In his will Coke bequeathed to his wife most of his goods including his books "?one excepted wch I give unto my son William". Coke married about 1637 to Margaret Evans (d 1694) of Wiltshire by whom he had 5 sons and 5 daughters. His daughter Mary was the wife of William Squire M.A. (rector of Rolleston) ?1633-1677 **QV**. Coke was the author of an undated broadsheet "*Prayer for church in Ireland*".

John Cook B.A. (vicar of Eccleshall) c1636-.... **25**
Cook, born about 1636, was of Staffordshire parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 13 May 1654 he was admitted as a sizar at King's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1657.8. On 2 Aug 1661 (together with James Maddock c1637-1697 **QV**) he was ordained deacon and priest by Sodor & Man. In Jan 1661.2 after probable presentation by the rector of Stoke-upon-Trent *then* John Mainwaring c1605-1692 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Whitmore. He resigned at Whitmore before 9 Jul 1662 when after presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Eccleshall *then* James Fleetwood 1603-1683 he was instituted vicar of Eccleshall. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Eccleshall constablewick and Adbaston constablewick (which contained part of Eccleshall parish) and was assessed on 3 hearths at Eccleshall township. He resigned at Eccleshall before 25 Feb 1667.8 when after presentation by Edward Hyde of Hyde,

Cheshire gentleman he was instituted rector of Northenden, Cheshire. On 25 Feb 1667.8 he was licensed as a preacher by Chester. In 1674/5 he was accused of serious sexual offences but a study of witness statements suggests he was innocent. He was still in office at Northenden on 12 Jul 1677 after which no further record has been discovered. A successor was in office there on 14 Mar 1681. Cook married about 1665 to a woman by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Thomas Cooke (parochial curate of Bagnall) e1639-.... 26
Cooke, born about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before 1665 when after probable presentation by the rector of Stoke-upon-Trent *then* John Mainwaring c1605-1692 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Bagnall. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Audley constablewick (which included Bagnall township) and was personally assessed on 2 hearths at Bagnall township. On 31 May 1666 he was appointed reader of Bucknall. Between 1669 and 1672 he was parochial curate of Waterfall. Cooke married on 3 Jan 1668.9 at Waterfall to Elizabeth Barge (d ?1674) by whom he had two children - perhaps a son and a daughter - who both died in infancy.

Robert Darwin (parochial curate of Stowe) c1603-.... 27
Darwin, born about 1603, was probably the man of this name (a son of ----- Darwin of Leics "gentleman") who studied at Oxford where on 16 Nov 1621 he was a student at Christ Church and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. He was likely ordained deacon and priest by 1639 when he was in office as ?parochial curate of Chilcote, Derbys. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1645 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Weston-upon-Trent but was replaced there by 1647. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. By 26 Sep 1662 he was in office as parochial curate of Stowe. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 17 Dec 1663. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Chartley constablewick (which included Stowe township) but was not assessed there. By 1670 he had been replaced in office. Darwin may not have married.

Lawrence Dawson M.A. (rector of Bramshall) c1599-1674 28
Dawson, born about 1599, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1617 he was admitted as a sizar at Trinity College and matriculated and in 1619 was a scholar. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1620.1 (M.A., 1624). On 1 Dec 1621 he was appointed head schoolmaster of Uttoxeter Alleyne's Grammar School. On 13 or 19 Jun 1624 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield. On 19 Sep 1630 he was ordained priest by Lichfield and on the same day licensed parochial curate of Kingstone being replaced in office before 1639. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. In 1653 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Uttoxeter which office he resigned before 31 Mar 1658. After presentation on 12 Mar 1658.9 by Thomas Wenman 2nd Viscount Wenman 1596-1665 *qua* guardian of his grandson Sir Greville Verney of Compton Verney, Warwicks K.B. 1649-1668 he was on 30 Mar 1659 approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* and on 4 May 1659 appointed *compliant* minister of Bramshall rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £20. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 3 hearths at Bramshall. Still in office at Uttoxeter Alleyne's Grammar School and Bramshall he died, aged about 75, and was buried on 3 Oct 1674 at Bramshall. His will made on 29 Jun 1674 was proved under Lichfield on 13 Oct 1674. Dawson married on 10 Jul 1624 at Uttoxeter to Joan Clare (d 1654) widow of Michael Grey by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters. [NB: Dawson was ordained deacon (1624) whilst in office as a head schoolmaster and the reason for his ordination as a priest (1630) - after an unusual interval of six years - appears to have been his appointment as a parochial curate.]

Josias Deane (parochial curate of Armitage & Pipe Ridware) e1638-1697 29
Deane, born perhaps about 1638, is of unknown parentage. He may have studied at Oxford as a student at Brasenose College but is not known to have graduated. On 23 Oct 1662 he was appointed schoolmaster of Mavesyn Ridware parish school. In Jan 1662.3 he was ordained deacon and in Jul 1663 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield.
Perhaps in 1663 after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Hansacre *then* John Cornelius c1605-1675 he was licensed parochial curate of Armitage and perhaps in the same year after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Alrewas *then* Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-1676 **QV** was, *jointly,* licensed parochial curate of Pipe Ridware. In Jan 1663.4 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Armitage and Pipe Ridware constablewicks but was not assessed at either place. On 1 Feb 1666.7 after presentation by George Digby of Sandon esquire c1590-1675 he was instituted vicar of Sandon. He resigned at Sandon before 13 Apr 1681 when he was appointed vicar of Dunchurch, Warwickshire. On 10 Mar 1682.3 he was appointed prebendary of Lichfield Dassett Parva. Still in both offices he died, perhaps aged about 59, and was buried on 26 Jun 1697 at Dunchurch. His will made on 22 Jun 1697

was proved under Lichfield on 21 Oct 1697. The value of his personalty is undiscovered but in his will he made bequests exceeeding £300. Deane married about 23 Dec 1662 to Ann Shaw probably older daughter of William Shaw (rector of Mavesyn Ridware) c1617-1672 **QV** by whom he had 3 daughters.

Timothy Delene B.A. (rector of Hamstall Ridware) c1612-1695 **30**
Delene, born about 1612, was a son of Timothy Delene (rector of Ashow, Warwicks). He studied at Oxford where on 10 Dec 1630 he was a student at Wadham College and matriculated. Later he migrated to New College. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 1 Feb 1633.4. He was ordained deacon and on 1 Jun 1634 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 19 May 1642 after presentation by Thomas Leigh 1st Baron Leigh of Stoneleigh c1595-1672 he was instituted rector of Hamstall Ridware. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 29 Jul 1662 and on 20 Oct 1663 was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £60. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 5 hearths at Hamstall Ridware. Still in office Delene died, aged about 83, and was buried here on 12 Dec 1695. His will made on 1 Nov 1694 was proved under Lichfield on 16 Dec 1695. His personalty was valued at £156/10/0. Delene may not have married.

Thomas Dicken B.A. (rector of Weston-under-Lizard) c1635-1708 **31**
Dicken, born about 1635, was a son of William Dicken of Wollerton in Hodnet, Salop yeoman c1603-1683 and Mary (Die). He studied at Oxford where on 27 Nov 1652 he was a ?servitor at St John's College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 28 Apr 1656. On 1 Sep 1662 he was licensed as a schoolmaster and was then an usher at a school at Wem, Salop. On 5 Mar 1662.3 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. On 28 Apr 1663 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhey in Faddiley, Cheshire 3rd Baronet c1625-1692 he was instituted rector of Weston-under-Lizard and also licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £30. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Weston-under-Lizard constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths. Here he resigned before 11 May 1687 when after presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhey in Faddiley, Cheshire 3rd Baronet c1625-1692 he was instituted rector of Walsall. Still in office he died, aged about 73, and was buried here on 14 Aug 1708. His will made on 8 Nov 1707 was proved under Lichfield on 27 Aug 1708. His personalty was valued at £28/19/8½ and included "Bookes £5". Dicken married about 1659 to Elizabeth (d ?1684) (probably dau of Thomas Lochard of Wollerton in Hodnet, Salop gentleman....-1684) by whom he had 10 sons and 4 daughters. [NB: Maintaining his large family may have depleted his fin ances.]

William Dicken (rector of Darlaston) c1620-1682 **32**
Dicken, born about 1620, was 3rd son of Hugh Dicken of Walton in Stone "gentleman" c1587-a1645. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He is probably the man of this name who presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman and then served as presbyterian minister at Bradley-in-the-Moors (c1651), at Fulford (1651.2) and at Maer from 1655. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and was still in office on 14 Mar 1660.1. Dicken was ordained deacon and on 25 Mar 1661.2 ordained priest by Lincoln *pro* Lichfield. On 28 Mar 1662 after presentation by Mary Offley 1622-1718 *by right* as widow of John Offley of Madeley esquire c1619-1658 he was instituted rector of Darlaston and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Aug 1662. On 30 Mar 1663 he certified the heraldic visitation of Staffordshire *pro* his brother Christopher Dicken of Walsall mercer c1617-1682 when the family coat of arms is recorded as "Ermine a cross patonce sable". On 26 Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £26/13/4. A diocesan record of that year states Dicken "was known to have been dying since February". In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Darlaston constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 62, and was buried on 2 Feb 1681.2 at Walsall. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 14 Feb 1681.2. His personalty was valued at £160/5/4 and included "One Parcell of Books £10". Dicken married perhaps about 1650 to Mary Petit (d 1704) dau of Walter Petit of Ellenhall gentleman c1575-.... (no known children).

John Dolman B.A. (vicar of Wombourn & parochial curate of Trysull) 1617-1690 **33**
Dolman, christened on 1 May 1617 at Trysull, was 3rd son of Thomas Dolman of Seisdon in Trysull "gentleman" 1580-.... and Ann. He studied at Oxford where on 17 Oct 1634 he was a student at Lincoln College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 6 Jun 1638. On 5 Jun 1642 he was ordained deacon by Oxford at Cuddesdon, Oxon. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1 Jul 1646 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Brewood when the *Committee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £50 to his annual salary of £20. This

augmentation was funded from revenue sequestered from the dean of Lichfield. On 31 May 1647 a further augmentationwas made of £8 from the recusants John Giffard of Blackladies in Brewood gentleman 1620-p1680 and (his father) Peter Giffard of Chillington in Brewood Esquire c1581-1663. (The augmentation later varied but was apparently paid until 1659). In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. On 15 Feb 1661.2 he was ordained deacon (again) & priest by Lichfield, on 27 Jul 1662 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield and on 15 Aug 1662 subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. He probably resigned here before 6 Feb 1662.3 when after presentation by a group of local gentlemen (beneficiaries under the will of Sir John Wollaston of Aldersgate Ward, London knight c1584-1658) he was instituted vicar of Wombourn and, *jointly*, appointed parochial curate of Trysull. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £40. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax of Orton (which lay in Wombourn parish) and Trysull & Seisdon constablewicks and was assessed on 6 hearths at Wombourn township. Still in office at Wombourn and Trysull, he died aged 73, and was buried on 9 Sep 1690 at Wombourn. His undated will was proved under Lichfield on 27 Oct 1690. His personalty was valued at £305/2/2 and included "the study bookes £20". Dolman married about 1650 to a woman by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters. By 1681 Dolman was patron of Broom and that year presented (his 2nd son) Nathaniel Dolman (*later* rector of Aldridge) c1656-1692 and the following year (his 1st son) Thomas Dolman (rector of Broom) c1651-....

Robert Dowley M.A. (rector of Elford) c1584-1672 **34**
Dowley, born about 1584, was a son of ----- Dowley of Staffs "gentleman" c1552-.... and Agnes Hill dau of John Hill of Ellastone "gentleman" c1532-.... also nephew of John Hill (rector of Elford) 1552-1622. He studied at Oxford where on 20 Apr 1604 he was a student at Queen's College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 17 Oct 1607 (M.A., St Mary Hall, 6 Jul 1610). He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 14 Jan 1609.10 when after presentation by (? his uncle) Richard Hill (rector of Hampton Lucy, Warwicks) he was instituted vicar of Alveston, Warwicks. He resigned at Alveston before 22 Dec 1624 when after presentation by (joint lord of the manor) William Brooke of Haselour in Lichfield St Michael gentleman c1579-1641 he was instituted rector of Elford. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister and signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £75. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Elford and was assessed on 3 hearths. A Mr Doley was also assessed on 4 hearths at Comberford House. Still in office he died, aged about 88, and was buried here on 15 Jul 1672. His will made on 3 May 1664 was proved under *PCC* on 23 Nov 1672. His wealth at death is undiscovered but his will mentions much real estate and he was evidently a very wealthy man. Dowley married on 28 May 1621 at Alveston, Warwicks to Alice Cooper by whom he had 4 sons and 5 daughters. His daughter Agnes was the wife of Joseph Ainge (rector of Handsworth) c1624-1691 **QV.** Richard Dowley presbyterian minister 1623-1702 [ODNB] was a nephew.

Thomas Dresser (vicar of Dilhorne) ?1623-1700 **35**
Dresser, (? christened on 26 Dec 1623 at Norton-in-the-Moors), was probably a son of John Dresser of Norton-in-the-Moors and Elizabeth. He studied at Cambridge where on 9 Feb 1646.7 he was admitted as a pensioner at Jesus College but is not known to have graduated. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 4 Apr 1651 when the *Committee for plundered ministers* appointed him presbyterian minister of Newchapel parochial chapelry and granted him an augmentation of £50 to his annual salary of £30. On 28 Jan 1651.2 the *Committee (? for the reformation of the universities)* granted him a different augmentation. He probably resigned at Newchapel before about Jan 1657.8 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Dilhorne vicarage. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar. He was ordained (? deacon and) priest on 26 Sep 1660 by Chichester *pro* Lichfield. On 26 Sep 1661 after presentation by the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was instituted vicar. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Jul 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 22 Oct 1663. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £35. In 1665 he was assessed on 2 hearths at Dilhorne which was part of Caverswall constablewick. Still in office at Dilhorne he died, aged about 77, and was buried here on 22 Apr 1700. His will made on 16 Apr 1700 was proved under Lichfield on 7 May 1700. Dresser married about 1649 to Dorothy (d 1702.3) by whom he had 6 sons and 3 daughters.

Michael Edge M.A. (vicar of Uttoxeter) 1634-1683 **36**
Edge, christened on 4 Oct 1634 at Kingsley, was 2nd son of John Edge of Kingsley "gentleman" 1600-1675 and Frances. He studied at Cambridge where on 12 Jun 1651 he was admitted as a sizar at Clare College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1654.5 (M.A., 1658). He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 31 Mar 1658 when after nomination by the *Trustees for maintenance* he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Uttoxeter vicarage. In Aug 1658 he wrote a letter to the

puritan theologian Richard Baxter 1615-1691 who had founded the *Worcestershire Association* stating "God hath awakened the ministers of these parts to attempt such a work... what they have done yet is but an embryo; something they have consulted of to reform their congregations of ignorance and scandal" and asking how best to proceed to form a similar association (never achieved) in Staffordshire. In 1658.9 he certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar. On 10 Mar 1660.1 (together with Augustine Schoolecoft 1633-1700 **QV**) he was ordained deacon at "the chapel of his oratory at the Barbican" and on 13 Mar 1660.1 ordained priest at Aldersgate Steet, London (both) by Lincoln. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 10 Jul 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield in Nov 1663. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £20. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Crakemarsh (in Uttoxeter) and Uttoxeter constablewicks and was assessed on 2 hearths at Uttoxeter township. At Uttoxeter he resigned before 6 Oct 1682 when after presentation by Gilbert Holles 3rd Earl of Clare c1634-1689 he was instituted rector of Yoxall. Still in office he died, aged 49, on 29 May 1683 and was buried here on 1 Jun. His will made on 29 May 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 26 Jun 1683. His personalty was valued at £244/7/2 and included "Books £130". Edge married on 5 Jul 1659 at Uttoxeter to Jane Pierce by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Richard Emery (vicar of Brewood) c1622-1678 **37**
Emery, born about 1622, was a son of Thomas Emery of Stone yeoman. He was educated at Shrewsbury. He studied at Cambridge where on 29 Oct 1639 he was admitted fellow-commoner at St John's College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1651/2 when he was briefly presbyterian minister of Shareshill being replaced on 14 Apr 1652. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. On 23 Aug 1662 he was (probably head) schoolmaster of Brewood Grammar School when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* (as a schoolmaster). By 3 Sep 1662 he was also in office as stipendiary curate of Boningale, Salop. In Dec 1663 he was ordained deacon and priest and also licensed as a preacher (all by Lichfield). On 19 Oct 1664 after presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Brewood *then* Thomas Wood (dean of Lichfield) c1607-1692 he was instituted vicar of Brewood. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Brewood constablewick and was probably assessed on 4 hearths. Still in both offices at Brewood he died, aged about 56, on 1 Jan 1677.8 and was buried there on 8 Jan. Emery married about 1656 to a woman (? Mary d 1682) by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Deliverance Fennyhouse M.A. (rector of Leigh) 1605-1672 **38**
Fennyhouse, christened on 22 Dec 1605 at Dean, Beds, was a son of Richard Fennyhouse of Barby, Northants e1575-1618. He studied at Oxford where on 13 Dec 1622 he was a student at Exeter College and matriculated and then studied at Cambridge where on 30 Apr 1625 he was admitted as a pensioner at Queen's College. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1626.7 (M.A., 1634). On 19 Sep 1629 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and was appointed schoolmaster of Cannock parish school before 20 Feb 1629.30 when he was ordained priest by Lichfield. Perhaps in 1640 he was licensed parochial curate of Stone. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. He probably resigned at Stone before Dec 1646 when the *Committee for plundered ministers,* acting in the place of the *delinquent* Sir Harvey Bagot of Blithfield 1st Baronet 1591-1660, appointed him *compliant* minister of Leigh rectory. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian, he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648 and certified the fitness of many candidates for the ministry in 1658.9. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. About that year he was licensed as a preacher by Canterbury *pro* Lichfield and on 23 Jul 1662 subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £55. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Leigh constablewick and was assessed on 6 hearths. Still in office he died, aged 67, and was buried here on 7 Jul 1672. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 31 Oct 1672. His personalty was valued at £92/7/10 and included "Books in the Studdy £15". Fennyhouse married first about 1632 to a woman by whom he had 1 daughter. He married second about 1642 to Margaret by whom he had 2 daughters. He married third on 8 Jun 1663 at Cannock to Rebecca Wood (no known children). [NB: Fennyhouse's father Richard Fennyhouse was on 26 Aug 1616 preacher of Stone. It is not known if he had been ordained an anglican in 1605 when he had his son christened with the unusual christan name "Deliverance".]

John Fletcher (parochial curate of Cheddleton) c1639-.... **39**
Fletcher, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 1 Sep 1662 he was in office as parochial curate of Waterfall and then in Jul 1663 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield. [Possibly the record is confused]. By 1 Aug 1665 he had resigned Waterfall and after probable presentation by the vicar of Leek *then* George Roades c1627-1695 **QV** was in office as parochial curate of Cheddleton. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Cheddleton constablewick but was not assessed there. Fletcher may not have married.

Thomas Fletcher B.A. (rector of Haughton) c1594-1684 **40**
Fletcher, born about 1594, was a son of a Berks "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 22 Jun 1610 he was a student at Christ Church and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 21 Oct 1613. On 20 Mar 1613.4 he was ordained deacon and on 5 Mar 1614.5 ordained priest (both) by Oxford. On 26 Aug 1616 he was in office as a stipendiary curate at Bradley and on 18 Dec 1617 after presentation by the bishop of Chester he was instituted as vicar of Bradley where he was succeded in office by 27 Jan 1623.4. About May 1619 he may have been in office as a stipendiary curate at Haughton where on 11 Mar 1619.20 after presentation by Edward Bold of "Booden", Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 *pro* Sir Ralph Bourchier of Beningbrough, Yorks North Riding knight c1528-1598 he was instituted as rector. He may then have briefly been, *plurally,* in office. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued at Haughton as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. On 18 Jan 1663.4 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £42. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Haughton constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 90, and was buried here on 20 Oct 1684. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 1 Jan 1685.6. His personalty was valued at £4/15/0 and consisted only of "one bede with the furniture their to belonging £2/5/0 [and] All his wareinge Apparell & money in his purse £2/10/0". Fletcher married on 1 Jun 1619 at Castle Church to Pheyles Bold by whom he had 2 sons and 5 daughters. His daughter Margaret was the wife of Thomas Reynolds (parochial curate of Gnosall) e1633-1674 **QV.** [NB: It is likely that Fletcher had disposed of much of his estate before his death resulting in his very low personalty. Fletcher's wife Pheyles Bold was not a daughter of Edward Bold (who had presented Fletcher) but might have been a kinswoman or perhaps the widow of a kinsman. In his 1623 will Bold does name his own three children and appoints Fletcher a "trusty friend" as an overseer. In 1595 the next turn to present at Haughton was granted by Sir Ralph Bourchier of Beningbrough, Yorks North Riding knight c1528-1598 to Philip Bold of London citizen and merchant c1518-1596. This turn passed to Edward Bold of "Booden", Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 who presented Thomas Fletcher c1594-1684 as rector of Haughton in 1620. Daniel Bayley believed erroneously that his wife Philippa (apparently Edward's heir) had inherited the advowson of Haughton. Daniel, Philippa and their heir apparent Bold mortgaged it in 1655 and then sold it in 1666.]

Richard Furnivall (parochial curate of Gayton) e1622-1672 **41**
Furnivall, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 1 Sep 1662 when he was in office as parochial curate of Cauldon. He appears to have resigned here before 1 Aug 1665 when he was in office as parochial curate of Gayton. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Gayton constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 50, about Jul 1672 with burial requested at Gayton. His will made on 27 Jun 1672 was proved under Lichfield on 2 Aug 1672. His personalty was valued at £20/17/2. Furnivall married about 1652 to Sarah by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Thomas Gilpin (parochial curate of Willenhall) c1608-1691 **42**
Gilpin, born about 1608, was a son of John Gilpin of Stony Stratford, Bucks "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 20 Oct 1626 he was a student at Magdalen Hall and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 3 Feb 1629.30 (M.A., 25 Oct 1632). On 20 Sep 1635 he was ordained deacon by Lincoln and on 4 Jun 1637 ordained priest by Peterborough. On 21 Apr 1637 after presentation by Sir Thomas Hyde of Aldbury, Herts 2nd Baronet c1594-1665 he was instituted rector of Albury, Herts. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister but was removed before 14 Jun 1645. By 1650 Gilpin had moved to the Wolverhampton area and appears to have lived there for the rest of his life. In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as rector of Albury in 1660 and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Jul 1662. At Albury he may have resigned before 1665 when after probable presentation by the lords of the manor of Stow Heath he was in office as parochial curate of Willenhall. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Willenhall constablewick but was not assessed there. On 18 Nov 1674, apparently after his parishioners complained of his non-residence and other misbehaviour, he was removed by the lords of the manor of Stow Heath. Gilpin died, aged about 83, and was buried on 12 Sep 1691 at Tettenhall. He married on 14 May 1650 at Tettenhall to Elizabeth Lee (d 1681) by whom he had 5 sons and 2 daughters. Bernard Gilpin (vicar of Bushbury) 1668-1726 was one of his sons. [NB: In 1642 William Gilpin of Albury, Herts gentleman made a will in which he mentions his land in Wednesbury and both a brother Thomas Gilpin and a cousin Thomas Gilpin.]

Richard Goulden (parochial curate of Ipstones) e1640-.... 43

Goulden, born perhaps about 1639, was probably of Irish parentage. He claimed to have studied at Dublin where perhaps about 1658 he would have been a student at Trinity College but did not graduate. Goulden had been appointed lay reader at Ipstones by 1 Aug 1665 when he was "noted as excommunicated". In Sep 1665 as a literate he was ordained deacon and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield and also after probable presentation by the vicar of Leek *then* George Roades c1627-1695 **QV** licensed parochial curate of Ipstones. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Ipstones and was not assessed there. Goulden had been replaced in office by 23 Nov 1676. Goulden may not have married.

Robert Grace M.A. (vicar of Shenstone) c1639-1727 **44**
Grace, born about 1639, was ?1st son of William Grace M.A. (vicar of Shenstone) c1609-1699 and Joan. He studied at Cambridge where on 13 Jun 1660 he was admitted as a sizar at Trinity College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1663.4 (M.A., 1668). On 16 Dec 1664 he was ordained deacon and on 21 May 1665 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 3 Oct 1665 after presentation by the Crown he was instituted vicar of Shenstone. Earlier in 1665 his immediate predecessor Michael Walford c1602-1665 had certified the hearth Tax for Shenstone constablewick and was assessed "Mr. Wilfords house ... Two/ And in the vicarridge ... One, and nothing to bee paid". Walford in turn had succeded Robert's father William Grace who was deprived in 1662 but lived on at Shenstone. Still in office Robert died, aged 88, and was buried here on 14 Sep 1727. His will made on 12 Feb ?1726.7 was proved under Lichfield on 4 Nov 1727. His personalty was valued under £20. Grace married 4 Jan 1672.3 at Shenstone to Elizabeth Silvester (d 1728) dau and coheir of Rowland Silvester of Shenstone yeoman by whom he had 2 sons and 4 daughters. Job Grace M.A. (Treasurer of Lichfield) c1644-1719 was a younger brother. [NB: In Jun 1697 Robert called his father "the most conformable person in his parish at prayers and receiving the sacrament".]

William Greenwood (vicar of High Offley) e1611-1680 **45**
Greenwood, born perhaps about 1611, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade and was likely ordained deacon and priest before 1643. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. In the winter of 1651/2 he was in office as *compliant* minister of High Offley. On 16 Mar 1652.3 the *Committee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £22 to his annual salary of £35. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 18 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for High Offley constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 69, and was buried (probably here) on 10 Apr 1680. Greenwood may not have married.

William Hambleton (parochial curate of Butterton) 1620-1669 **46**
Hambleton, born perhaps about 1620 was probably son of Thomas Hambleton of Butterton yeoman c1590-.... He was only educated to literate grade. About Jun 1664 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield. By 1665 after probable presentation by John Kelsall c1636-1698 **QV** *qua* vicar of Mayfield he was in office as parochial curate of Butterton. In 1665 a man of his name was assessed on 1 hearth at Butterton. Still in office he died, aged about 49, and was buried here (perhaps as requested in the churchyard near the chancel door) on 23 Apr 1669. His will made on 20 Jul 1668 was proved under Lichfield on 15 Oct 1669. His personalty was valued at £46/12/6. His books - which he mentions in his will as being in latin, greek and english - were valued at £1. Hambleton married about 1649 a woman by whom he had 1 son and ?2 daughters.

Gawin Hamilton M.A. (vicar of Alstonfield [? & parochial curate of Elkstone, Longnor & Warslow]) c1594-?1675 **47**
Hamilton, born about 1594, was possibly of Scottish parentage. He may have studied at a Scottish university and graduated both B.A. and M.A. (M.A., c1615). He was presumably ordained deacon and on 19 Sep 1619 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 16 Apr 1638 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston, Derbys knight 1612-1679 he was instituted vicar of Alstonfield. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister and later, apparently a *committed* presbyterian, signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In 1665 "Robert Tayler, Curat." certified the hearth tax for Alstonfield constablewick where Hamilton was not assessed. He had perhaps been placed in care for that year it was said that he was "old and unwell". Still in office Hamilton appears to have died, aged about 81, in early 1675. His will was proved under Lichfield on 1 Jan 1676.7. Hamilton may not have married. Hamilton *qua* vicar of Alstonfield was patron of the parochial chapelries of Elkstone, Longnor and Warslow (which he may have served himself as parochial curate and/or *compliant* minister).

James Hancox (parochial curate of Stone) 1637-1707 **48**

Hancox, born 15 Jul 1637, was a son of an unknown "gentleman". He studied at Cambridge where on 1 Jul 1654 he was admitted as a sizar at Clare College. Next he studied at Oxford where on 21 Apr 1655 he was a student at Magdalen Hall and matriculated. At ?Oxford he graduated B.A. on 23 Mar 1657.8. On 28 May 1661 he was ordained deacon and on 30 May 1661 ordained priest (both) at Aldersgate, London by Lincoln *pro* Lichfield. After possible presentation by the Crown he was in office as parochial curate of Stone on 18 Jul 1662 when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. In Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Aston & Burston, Darlaston, Kibblestone, Stone & members, Tittensor and Walton & Aston constablewicks and was assessed on 5 hearths at Walton township "Mr Crompton, now Mr Hancockes". He probably resigned at Stone before 6 Jul 1667 when after presentation by by Richard Shallcross of Shallcross, Salop gentleman he was instituted as vicar of Worfield, Salop. He may then also have been appointed parochial curate of Bridgnorth. Still in office at Worfield (and probably at Bridgnorth) he died, aged 70, on 22 Jan 1706.7 and was buried at Worfield on 25 Jan.
An inscribed monument was placed in the church (below) which records his charitable gift of £100 to the church and poor of Worfield. Hancox married first to a woman by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter. He married second about 1677 to Ann Swinfen c1636-1719 dau of John Swinfen of Swinfen in Weeford esquire 1613-1694 and widow of Joseph Baker of Prestwood in Kingswinford presbyterian minister c1622-1669 by whom he had 1 daughter. Hancox *qua* parochial curate of Stone was patron of the parochial chapelry of Fulford (where he had probably presented Charles Norwood **QV** about 1662).

MS Jacobi Hancox Huius Ecclesiae post fidem in Anglia Reformatam Vicarii tertii, Viri pii & probi, Operarii in vineâ Domini indesessi. Natus est die Julii 15to A.D. 1637. Curam hic suscepit pastoralem A.D. 1663. Uxorem duxit Annam Johannis Swynfen, de Swynfen in Comitat. Stafford Armigi,filiam; Revdi autem Josephi Baker Clerici Reliquias, Ex Ea unicam suscepit filiam Francisco Wightwick Armigo. de Tunstall in Matrimonium datam. Obiit morte repentinâ die Jan. 22 1706/7. Annuo centum librarum sœnore Ecclefiæ & pauperibus legato.

John Hanson (rector of Himley) c1610-1669 **49**

Hanson, born about 1610, was a son of Richard Hanson (rector of Himley) c1571-a1629 and Joan. He studied at Oxford where 25 Jun 1630 he was a student at Pembroke College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. As a literate on 5 Jun 1631 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and presumably later ordained priest. On 11 Mar 1633.4 after presentation by his mother Joan Hanson *by right* as widow of Edward Dudley 5th Baron Dudley 1567-1643 he was instituted rector of Himley. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 29 Jul 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Himley constablewick and was assessed on ? hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 59, and was buried here on 4 Jan 1668.9. His will made on 22 Dec 1668 was proved under Lichfield on 18 Feb 1668.9. His personalty was valued at about £380 and included "his liberary of books £15". Hanson married perhaps about 1641 to Margaret by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters.

George Harding (parochial curate of Whittington) e1620-1682 **50**

Harding, born perhaps about 1620, is of unknown parentage. [A man of his name studied at Cambridge where in 1637.8 he was a sizar at Trinity College and matriculated and graduated B.A. in 1640.1.] Probably as a literate he was likely ordained deacon before 1644. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1651.2 he is said to have been in office as *?compliant* minister of Whittington. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 19 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Whittington constablewick and was assessed on 5 hearths. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 62, and was buried here on 30 Jan 1681.2. His will made on 8 Oct 1681 was proved under Lichfield on 3 ?Feb 1681.2. His personalty was valued at £120/12/8 and included " In his studye... one deske to laye books on... All his bookes £20". Harding married about 1647 to Mary by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Maurice Harrison M.A. (vicar of Biddulph) c1636-1689 **51**

Harrison, born about 1636, was a son of John Harrison of Hindley, Lancs clergyman. He was educated at Manchester under Mr Wickins. He studied at Cambridge where on 2 Aug 1654 he was admitted as a pensioner at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1658.9 (M.A., 1664). He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest. On 12 Jul 1665 after presentation by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph 1st Baronet 1623-1666 he was instituted vicar of Biddulph and that month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. Earlier in 1665 his immediate predecessor William Armett c1609-1667 certified the hearth tax for Biddulph-cum-Knypersley constablewick but was not assessed there. Probably in 1669 Harrison was, *jointly,* licensed parochial curate of Shrewsbury St Julian. Still in office at Biddulph and Shrewsbury he died, aged about 53, on 26 Dec 1689 and was buried (perhaps as requested under the communion

table) on 28 Dec at Shrewsbury St Julian. A gravestone bore an inscription (below). His will made on 9 Dec 1689 was proved under Lichfield on 18 Mar 1689.90. His personalty was valued at £271/18/0 and included "The Study of Books £20". Harrison married in Feb 1666.7 to Ann Ridley (d 1711) (no known children).

Exuviae Reverendi Mauritij | Harrison viri bene morali | Christiani admodum spectabilis | et hujus Ecclesiae nuper | pastoris seduli dignique | quas deposuit Decembris 26 | 1689.

Richard Harrison M.A. (rector of Blithfield & vicar of Lichfield St Mary) c1611-1676 52

Harrison, born about 1611, was a son of Richard Harrison of Minshull Vernon, Cheshire "gentleman" (? and Ellen Venables). He studied at Oxford where on 10 Jun 1630 he was a student at Brasenose College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 28 Jan 1629.30 (M.A., 3 Oct 1632). In 1633 his M.A. was incorporated at Cambridge (where he had entered on 10 Jun 1630). He was ordained deacon and on 18 Feb 1637.8 ordained priest by Lichfield.

A man of his name was said to be "minister of Warmingham, Cheshire" in 1641. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. In Sep 1645 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Lichfield St Mary but removed about 1647 when it is said that "He was sent to Jayl, his House was Plunder'd, all his Books burnt, his Wife and Children were thrown out of Doors, and himself forced to Fly and Abscond for Two Years". On 4 Feb 1648.9 he was appointed *compliant* assistant minister of Tettenhall parochial chapelry. Here Thomas Beiston c1586-1652 was *compliant* minister. On 27 May 1653, following Beistons' death, after presentation by the *Commissioners of the great seal* Harrison was appointed here as *compliant* minister and by 12 Sep 1653 had also been appointed parish register. In 1655 some of his parishioners petitioned for his ejection alleging that he had officiated at Lichfield whilst it was a royal garrison and on deserting Lichfield had been articled against for delinquency. On 25 Jul 1655 his successor Thomas Buxton 1625-?1685 was appointed as presbyterian minister but on 23 Oct 1655 the *Committee for plundered ministers* withheld an augmentation to his annual salary on Harrison's petition. On 1 Dec 1656 Buxton was also appointed as parish register. The next month on 24 Jan 1656.7 Harrison delivered the register books to the churchwarden and wrote a note in the christening register "Ric. Harrisson legally chosen Register of Tettenhall, haveing used h[is] endeavor to learne the names, & register the birthes, burialls, & marriages [within] the parish, & failing therein, not only in regard of his enforced absence, but thr[ough] the neglect or wilfulness of persons concerned doth ~~voluntarily~~ (?coacte [? *by force*]) deliver up [the] Register Bookes to the lawfull church warden". On 4 Aug 1658 after presentation by Sir Edward Bagot of Blithfield 2nd Baronet 1616-1673 he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as *compliant* minister of Blithfield rectory. Here on 18 Aug the churchwardens gave him possession of the rectory and on 13 Dec John Middleton c1616-1681 (the former compliant assistant minister-in-charge) gave him possession of the rectory house. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. By 19 Jul 1660, after a further presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Edward Bagot of Blithfield 2nd Baronet 1616-1673 he was instituted rector and on 7 Aug inducted by John Sanders [John Saunders B.A. (Rector of Colton) c1619-1682]. On 6 Sep 1660 he was by mandate of the bishop installed as chancellor of Lichfield (*and thus* prebendary of Lichfield Alrewas) and on 7 Dec 1660 formally presented by the Crown. By *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) Harrison was *plurally* "restored" as *de jure* vicar of Lichfield St Mary and thus displaced John Butler c1621-1671. On 18 Jun 1661 after presentation by the Crown he was also admitted as a canon residentiary at Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Blithfield & Admaston and Newton constablewicks and was assessed on 4 hearths at Blithfield township and 1 hearth at Lichfield Close constablewick. It is said that his house, "The Choristers' House", on the south side of The Close had been leased to him on 24 Jun 1661. About 1670 he moved from Blithfield to live in Bore Street, Lichfield. Still in office at Blithfield and Lichfield and as chancellor he died, aged about 65, on 31 Mar 1676 and was buried on 3 Apr 1676 at Lichfield St Mary. His will made on 15 Jan 1675.6 was proved under Lichfield on 22 Apr 1676. His personalty was valued at £400/13/4 and included " In the Hall "a bible & stand & booke of Martyrs 14/0 ... a table Form 2 leather chairs and other wooden ware 12/0 ... a grate 4/0 ... mapps and pictures 2/6" ... "In the study "Bookes £50" ... a table shelvs & boxes £1/6/8" "In Money due by bond & other debts £140" "of the house in Bore Street £100" . Harrison married about 1641 Elizabeth (probably Elizabeth Beardsley (b 1620) daughter of Richard Beardsley of Lichfield) by whom he had 7 sons and 6 daughters. His eldest daughter Sarah married on 1 Jan 1665.6 at Blithfield to Isaac Sympson M.A. (vicar of Alrewas) c1641-1684 **QV** who had been presented by Harrison in 1662 and who succeded him at Lichfield St Mary. Another daughter Mary married about 1680 John Inett 1647-1718 (chanter of Lincoln cathedral) . In 1695 Harrison's widow was living in Bore Street, Lichfield with two widowed daughters and some grandchildren. Harrison *qua* vicar of Lichfield St Mary was patron of the parochial chapelries of Lichfield St Chad (where he had probably presented Hugh Braddocke **QV** in 1663) and Lichfield St Michael. Also Harrison *qua* prebendary of Alrewas was patron of the vicarage of Alrewas (where he had presented Isaac Sympson **QV** in 1662) and of the parochial chapelries of Edingale (where he had probably presented Thomas Wilson **QV** in 1663), Kings Bromley (where he had probably presented Brutus Ottey **QV** in 1662) and Pipe Ridware (where he had probably presented Josias Deane **QV** about

1663). Elias Ashmole of Lichfield esquire 1617-1692 who was a freemason styles Richard Harrison "brother" in the years 1646 and 1676 perhaps because Harrison was a fellow freemason.

James Hean (parochial curate of Pelsall) e1640-1678 **53**
Hean, born perhaps about 1640, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 7 Aug 1663, apparently before ordination, after probable presentation by the dean of Wolverhampton *then* Bruno Ryves c1595-1677 he was licensed parochial curate of Pelsall and also appointed schoolmaster of Pelsall parish school. In Sep 1664 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Pelsall constablewick and was assessed on 1 hearth. In Feb 1668 he was licensed as a preacher and in Sep 1669 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. He probably resigned at Pelsall before 13 Sep 1671 when after probable presentation by the Crown he was instituted vicar of Shustoke, Warwicks. On 14 Dec 1676 he was also, *jointly*, in office as parochial curate of Over Whitacre, Warwicks. Still in office at Shustoke he died, aged about 38, and was buried here in May 1678. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 24 Oct 1678. His personalty was valued at £92 and included " all his bookes in his study & other things £8/6/8". Hean married on 5 Sep 1668 at Wolverhampton to Mary Bullock by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters.

Matthias Hill (parochial curate of Maer) c1622-.... **54**
Hill, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before 1 Sep 1662 when he was in office as parochial curate of Rocester. Here he probably resigned before about 25 Mar 1664 when he was in office as parochial curate of Maer. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Maer and Aston constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Maer township. He was still in office on 23 Nov 1676 but had been succeded by 1681. Maer married perhaps about 1652 to Mary (d 1675).

John Hilton M.A. (parochial curate of Great Barr) c1611-1684 **55**
Hilton, born about 1611, was a son of Richard Hilton of Bloxham, Oxon "gentleman" c1581-?1657. He studied at Oxford where on 20 Nov 1629 he was a student at St John's College and subscribed (? to *The 39 articles of religion* (1571)). At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 19 Feb 1630.1 (M.A., Hart Hall, 19 May 1637). On 18 Dec 1636 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and in Sep 1637 ordained priest by Oxford *pro* Lichfield. It is possible that about 1640 after presentation by William Scott of Great Barr gentleman c1584-1644 he was licensed parochial curate of Great Barr and from 5 Feb 1643.4 continued here as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. Perhaps at this period he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Great Barr constablewick and was assessed on 10 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 73, with burial here on 8 Oct 1684. His undated will was proved under Lichfield on 4 Nov 1684. His personalty was valued at about £300 and included "Bookes and other things £10". Hilton writes in his will "I give unto my brother Mr Richard Hilton of Walsall (if he shall be living after me) all my Latin books and all my papers & wrightings which doe not concern my estate". Hilton married on 2 Jun 1659 at Great Barr to Ann Scott c1624-?1676 dau of William Scott of Great Barr gentleman c1584-1644 and Eleanor (Frith) by whom he had 6 sons and 1 daughter. Richard Hilton (presbyterian minister of West Bromwich) c1625-1706 was a younger brother.

Robert Hilton (vicar of Lapley) 1607-1667 **56**
Hilton, christened on 15 May 1607 at Warrington, was a son of Robert Hilton of Warrington, Lancs "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 20 Oct 1626 he was a student at Brasenose College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 10 Jun 1630. On 5 Mar 1630.1 he was ordained deacon and on 26 May 1632 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 24 May 1638 after presentation by Richard Congreve of Stretton esquire c1610-1689 he was instituted vicar of Lapley. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister but was removed in 1648. About 1650 Hilton was appointed *compliant* minister of Tong, Salop - where he was also a schoolmaster. In early Jun 1660 he probably continued here as *de jure* parochial curate but resigned when he was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as vicar of Lapley and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 5 Aug 1662. In Jan 1663.4 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £26/3/4. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Lapley constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Lapley township. Still in office he died, aged about 60, and was buried here on 17 Apr 1667. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 1 May 1667. His personalty was valued at £196/19/11 and included "In the studdy one frame for books and his liberary of books, one joyned chare and one round table £10". Hilton married about 1640 to Martha by whom he had 2 daughters. [NB: From 1648 to 1659 John Jackson c1605-.... was compliant minister at Lapley. He objected to an order to pay Hilton's wife Martha a *fifth* since " her husband is minister of Tonge, in Shropshire, where he keeps a school, and has *Sutton chapelry, co. Stafford*. "]

Thomas Hinckley (parochial curate of [? Bradley-in-the Moors &] Croxden) c1628-1694 57

Hinckley, born perhaps about 1628, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon before 1 Sep 1662 when he was in office as parochial curate of Croxden. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Greatgate & Musden constablewick (which included Croxden township) but was not assessed there or at Bradley-in-the-Moors. On 1 Aug 1665 he was "noted as excommunicated" and on 4 Aug "was noted as having been deprived of the benefice of Croxden on account of various clandestine [lost]".
On 23 Nov 1676 he was in office at Croxden and also, *jointly*, at Bradley-in-the-Moors (which he might have served from 1662). Perhaps still in both offices he died, aged about 66, and was buried on 23 Apr 1694 (perhaps as requested in the chancel) at Croxden. His will made on 25 Feb 1689.90 was proved under Lichfield on 4 May 1694. His personalty was valued at £77/6/4 and included "his books £4". Hinckley married about 1657 to a woman by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters. He may have married second to Margaret by whom he had 1 daughter.

Nathaniel Hinde M.A. (vicar of Penkridge, parochial curate of Dunston & Stretton) ?1605-1673 58
Hinde, (? christened on 14 Apr 1605 at Bunbury), was probably a son of William Hinde M.A. (curate of Bunbury, Cheshire) c1569-1629 [ODNB] and Margaret (?Foxe). He studied at Cambridge where on 29 Jun 1622 he was admitted as a sizar at Emmanuel College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1626.7 (M.A., 1630). He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1646 when the *Committee for plundered ministers* appointed him presbyterian minister of Penkridge vicarage at an annual salary of £24 which they augmented on 26 Sep 1646 with £50 from the rectorial revenue which had been sequestered from Sir Edward Littleton of Pillaton in Penkridge 1st Baronet c1599-1657. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. On 22 Sep 1652 his annual salary was further augmented to £100 (by £26 out of the tithes of the Wolverhampton prebends of Hilton and Featherstone). He was chosen parish register on 25 Sep 1653 and frequently certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar when he may also have presented and appointed himself, *jointly*, as parochial curate of Dunston and Stretton. On ?10 Mar 1660.1 he was ordained deacon and priest at London by Lincoln. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Dunston & Drayton, Levedale, Otherton & Rodbaston, Stretton & Water Eaton and Penkridge constablewicks and was assessed on 3 hearths at Penkridge township. Still probably in all his offices he died, aged about 68, and was buried on 5 Nov 1673 at Penkridge. His will made on 6 Oct 1673 was proved under Lichfield on 28 Jan 1673.4. His personalty was valued at £200/16/0 and included " Bookes in the studdy £30". In his will Hinde bequeathed his books to his 2 sons Nathaniel Hinde 1637-.... (? vicar of Banstead, Surrey) and Benjamin Hinde 1654-.... (? rector of East Blatchington, Sussex). Hinde married on 21 Jun 1636 at Penkridge to Isabel Hathersich by whom he had 4 sons and 2 daughters. Hinde's probable father William Hinde M.A. (preacher of Bunbury, Cheshire) c1569-1629 was author of several books and is said to have been "an active and outspoken puritan".

Hinde *qua* vicar of Penkridge was patron of the parochial chapelries of Dunston (served by himself), Shareshill (where he may have presented John Morrall c1642-1700 **QV** in 1664) and Stretton (served by himself)

Walter Hollier B.A. (parochial curate of Cannock) c1637-a1697 59
Cooke, born perhaps about 1637, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where on 29 Oct 1657 he was a commoner at Christ Church and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 15 Mar 1660.1. He was ordained deacon and in Dec 1662 ordained priest and also licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. Likely in 1663 after probable presentation by the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was licensed parochial curate of Cannock. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Great Wyrley constablewick (which lay in Cannock parish) but was not assessed within Cannock parish. Hollier probably died, aged about 60, shortly before 19 Sep 1697 when he was replaced in office at Cannock. Hollier married first about 1667 Ann by whom he had 2 sons and 2 daughters. He married second on 23 Nov 1680 at Lichfield cathedral to Mary Hand by whom he had 1 son. His first son Henry Hollier B.A. c1670-.... was a reader at Cannock for a few months in 1696. Richard Hollier B.A. (vicar of Colwich) c1675-1724 was his second son.

Thomas Hubbocke M.A. (parochial curate of Lichfield St Michael) c1604-1668 60
Hubbocke, born about 1604, was a younger son of William Hubbocke (rector of Nailstone, Leics) c1561-1631.
He studied at Oxford where on 15 Dec 1620 he was a student at Oriel College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 19 Feb 1624.5 (M.A., 7 Jul 1627). On 13 Jun 1624 he was ordained

deacon - unusually before he graduated - and on 24 Sep 1625 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 1 Dec 1628 he was presented by the Crown to the rectory of Nailstone, Leics where his brother John Hubbocke c1597-1657 was in office having been instituted on 5 Nov 1623. The presentation was revoked on 27 Apr 1634. About 1632 after probable presentation by the vicar of Lichfield St Mary *then* James Povey c1570-.... he was licensed parochial curate of Lichfield St Michael and about the same time was appointed as a schoolmaster at Lichfield. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister and was probably still in office in 1652. He may have been removed by 1653. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in any office. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), restored as parochial curate. He was in office (and also a Lichfield schoolmaster) when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 22 Aug 1662. Still in office he died, aged about 64, and was buried on 5 Dec 1668 at Lichfield St Chad. Hubbock married first on 28 Apr 1641 Lichfield St Mary to Ann Alport (d 1664) (no known children). He married second on 5 May 1664 at Lichfield St Chad & 6 May 1664 at Lichfield St Mary to Joyce Cooper (no known children). Shortly after his death his widow Joyce was assessed on 1 hearth at St John's Street, Lichfield.

Hugh Humphreys M.A. (rector of Drayton Bassett & vicar of Longdon) c1610-1693 61
Humphreys, born about 1610, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where on 10 Dec 1630 he was a commoner at Christ Church and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 27 Jan 1630.1 (M.A., Trinity College, 5 Jul ?1634). On 25 Sep 1631 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and later presumably ordained priest. About 1635 possibly after presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Longdon *then* George Cuthbert c1576-1658 he was instituted vicar of Longdon. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. On 14 Mar 1646.7 the *Committee for plundered ministers* sequestered him having found that he had deserted his cure and been in arms against parliament. In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as vicar of Longdon in 1660 (after the removal of Nathaniel Mott c1628-1699 **QV).** On 18 Sep 1660 he was installed prebendary of Lichfield Flixton. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 18 Jul 1662. On 18 Nov 1662 after presentation by the Crown (29 Oct) he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Drayton Bassett. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Drayton Bassett constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths "for the Parsnage". He did not certify the hearth tax for Longdon constablewick but was assessed on 4 hearths. Still in all his offices he died on 16 May 1693 and was buried on 18 May 1693 at Longdon. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 30 Jun 1693. Humphreys married about 1639 to Fines (d 1695) by whom he probably had 2 daughters. Bridget wife of Arthur Shipton (rector of Drayton Bassett) c1646-1722 (his successor here) was probably one of his daughters.

Thomas Janns B.A. (vicar of Sedgley) c1635-1697 62
Janns, born about 1635, was probably a son of Thomas Janns of Over Penn "gentleman" 1609-.... He studied at Cambridge where on 15 Apr 1651 he was admitted as a pensioner at Emmanuel College. At Cambridge he probably graduated B.A. about 1654 (although the degree is not recorded). He may have been qualified as a presbyterian clergyman. On 20 Aug 1662 he was in office (? as stipendiary curate) at Brewood when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* but was only ordained deacon and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield on (the next day) 21 Aug 1662. Here he resigned before 22 Oct 1662 when after presentation by Rebecca Parkes c1603-1673 *by right* as widow of Thomas Parkes of Willingsworth in Sedgley esquire c1596-1660 he was instituted vicar of Sedgley. In Dec 1662 he was ordained priest by Lichfield. At Sedgley *Calamy* reported that he "for some Years was hot and fill'd his Sermons with railing Invectives which put many of the People upon persuading him [Joseph Eccleshall, former presbyterian minister] to preach to them ...". In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £30. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Sedgley constablewick and was assessed on 6 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 62, and was buried here on 1 Mar 1696.7. His will made on 22 Feb 1696.7 was proved under Lichfield on 19 Jul 1697. His personalty was valued at £221/14/0 and included "Books in his Study £100". He bequeathed his books to his second son William Janns M.A. 1666-1729 who succeded him at Sedgley. Janns married (? on 22 Feb 1657 at Old Swinford, Worcs) to Elizabeth (?Milward) (d 1722) by whom he had 3 sons and 6 daughters.

William Jennings (rector of Church Eaton) c1613-1673 63
Jennings, born about 1613, was a son of ----- Jennings of Church Eaton yeoman and grandson of William Jennings (rector of Church Eaton) c1555-1642. He studied at Oxford where about 1631 he was probably a student at Oriel College. At Oxford he graduated 14 Feb 1633.4 (M.A., 19 Jul 1636). He was probably ordained deacon in 1637 and priest in 1638. From 1637 to 1642 he appears to have served at Church Eaton as a stipendiary curate to his grandfather and on 8 Aug 1638 he was appointed schoolmaster of Church Eaton Grammar School. On 23 May 1642 after presentation by Thomas Chetwynd of Church Eaton esquire 1600-1674 he was insituted as rector of Church Eaton and paid first fruits on 2 Jun. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister and,

apparently a *committed* presbyterian, signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In 1655 he certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In Dec 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £80. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Church Eaton constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 60, on 16 Dec 1673 and was buried here on 19 Dec. His will made on 3 Nov 1673 was proved under Lichfield on 15 Jan 1673.4. Jennings married first in 1644 to Elizabeth ?1623-1661 (probably dau of John Astley of Bushbury gentleman 1595-c1679) by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters. He married second on 29 Sep 1663 at Church Eaton to Theodosia Bradshaw (b ?1629) by whom he had 2 daughters. Walter Jennings (rector of Church Eaton) 1650-1724 was his son.

Thomas Jewell (vicar of Ilam) e1637-1669 **64**
Jewell, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. Probably as a literate he was presumably ordained deacon and priest shortly before 1661. On 6 May 1661 after presentation by Roger Hurt of Castern in Ilam esquire c1591-a1666 (? *qua* guardian of his under-age grandson John Port of Ilam esquire c1652-1719) he was instituted as vicar of Ilam. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 22 Aug 1662. On 13 Jan 1663.4 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £50. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Okeover, Ilam & Castern constablewick when "The Vickeridge" was assessed on 3 hearths in Ilam township. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 32, shortly before 13 Feb 1668.9. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 13 Feb 1668.9 when his goods were to be administered by his principal creditor Nicholas Hurt. His personalty was valued at about £66 and included "in books £20/6/0". Jewell may not have married.

Thomas Jones (vicar of Rugeley) e1610-1672 **65**
Jones, born perhaps about 1610, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade and was likely ordained deacon and priest before 1643. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. But probably shortly thereafter he was appointed as *?compliant* minister of Rugeley where in 1645 the inhabitants petitioned for him to remain minister. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. The same year he probably presented (? *pro* Walter Aston 2nd Baron Aston of Forfar c1609-1678) John Saunders B.A. c1619-1682 **QV** as rector of Colton. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 23 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Rugeley & Brereton constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths at Rugeley. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 62, and was buried here (perhaps as requested in the chancel) on 1 Nov 1672. His will made on 10 Aug 1671 was proved under Lichfield on 7 Nov 1672. His personalty was valued at £150/7/6 and included " In the Study... Books of all sorts £5". Jones may not have married.

Isaac Keeling M.A. (vicar of Wolstanton) 1605-1679 **66**
Keeling, christened on 15 Sep 1605 at Newcastle, was 1st son of Ralph Keeling of Newcastle gentleman 1582-1650 and Elizabeth Yardley dau of John Yardley of Grobershill. He studied at Oxford where on 31 Oct 1623 he was a student at Magdalen Hall and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 9 Mar 1626.7 (M.A., 9 Jul 1629). On 18 Dec 1631 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield, on 19 Feb 1632 ordained priest by Oxford *pro* Lichfield and on 2 Oct 1633 licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. By 1638 after probable presentation by the rector of Stoke-upon-Trent *then* John Mainwaring c1605-1692 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Burslem. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. Before 8 Dec 1643 he was presented as vicar of Wolstanton by the *Staffordshire Parliamentary Committee* at about the same time as Richard Shelley c1599-p1645 was presented to the same office by Ralph Sneyd of Keele esquire c1612-1650. Shelley appears to have served as *de facto* vicar and (from Feb 1643.4) *de facto compliant* minister until about Sep 1645. That month Keeling appears to have resigned at Burslem and was in office as *compliant* minister at Wolstanton being approved by the *Staffordshire Parliamentary Committee* on 11 Dec 1645. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648 and in 1658 certified the fitness of many candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. On 26 Jun 1662 after presentation by William Sneyd of Keele esquire c1614-1695 he was instituted as vicar. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £40. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed twice at Wolstanton - for 8 hearths (probably at his privately owned home) and 3 hearths "att the Viccaridge". Still in office he died, aged about 74, and was buried here on 15 Aug 1679. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 3 Sep 1679. On his death his goods were to be administered by two of his creditors. His personalty was valued at £28/0/10 and included "the deceaseds Librarie £6/8/4". Keeling married on 23 Aug 1636 at Wolstanton to Ann Brett (d 1683) dau of John Brett of Keele esquire c1567-1628 by whom he had 3 sons and 4 daughters. On 7 Apr 1663 Keeling certified his family's entry in the

heraldic visitation of Staffordshire but no coat of arms was exhibited. Keeling *qua* vicar of Wolstanton was patron of the parochial chapelries of Keele (where he had probably presented Edward Beardmore **QV** in 1665) and Newchapel.

John Kelsall B.A. (vicar of Audley) 1604-1669 **67**
Kelsall, christened on 21 Sep 1604 at Audley, was 3rd son of William Kelsall (vicar of Audley) 1566-1649 and Ann Beech dau of Andrew Beech (vicar of Audley) c1536-.... He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1623 he was a sizar at King's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. about Feb 1626.7. On 17 Feb 1626.7 he was ordained deacon and on 23 Sep 1627 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. Thereafter he likely served as a stipendiary curate at Audley - assisting his father William. From 5 Feb 1643.4 the father and son continued here as *compliant* minister and assistant minister but on 8 Jul 1646 both were ordered to be sequestered (? of their estates) as delinquents and about Jul 1647 were removed from office. In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), restored and thus displaced William Overton c1615-1661. Kelsall now served as *de jure* vicar of Audley. On 18 Aug 1663 after presentation by Randal Egerton of Betley esquire 1619-1681 he was instituted vicar of Audley and also licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £12. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Audley constablewick and was personally assessed on 2 hearths at Audley township (probably at his privately owned home) where he was also assessed "and for the Vicarage 1". Still in office Kelsall died, aged 65, and was buried here on 17 Feb 1668.9. His will made on 30 May 1668 was proved under Lichfield on 11 May 1669. His personalty was valued at £424/5/4 and included "His liberary of books £166/0/0". Kelsall married first on 9 Mar 1639.40 to Margaret Brook (d a1643) by whom he had a son. He married second about 1643 to Elizabeth Haworth (d 1647) dau of Henry Haworth of Audley by whom he had a son and 2 daughters. John Kelsall (rector of Quarrington, Leics) 1644-1689 was his son by his 2nd wife and in 1665 had been a stipendiary curate to his father at Audley. Kelsall *qua* vicar of Audley was patron of the parochial chapelry of Talk-on-the-Hill.

John Kelsall (vicar of Mayfield) c1634-1698 **68**
Kelsall, born about 1634, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He is probably the man of this name who on 12 Jan 1657.8 was *classically* ordained as a presbyterian clergyman by the Derbyshire Wirksworth Classis and appointed presybyterian minister of Hathersage, and then, in early Jun 1660 may have resigned'. On 11 Jul 1661 (together with Thomas Tooth ?1636-1693 **QV**) he was ordained deacon and priest by Sodor & Man. He had been appointed reader of Ashbourne, Derbys by 21 Aug 1662 when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* and the same month was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. On 9 Dec 1662 after presentation by Thomas Hunt of Shrewsbury esquire 1599-1669 he was instituted vicar of Mayfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £30. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 3 hearths at Church Mayfield township in Mayfield constablewick. Still in office at Mayfield he died, aged about 64, and was buried there on 9 Sep 1698. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 15 Sep 1698. His personalty was valued at £174/11/0. Kelsall married perhaps about 1663 to Ruth (d 1693) by whom he had 1 daughter. Kelsall *qua* vicar of Mayfield was patron of the parochial chapelry of Butterton (where he had probably presented William Hambleton **QV** about 1665).

John Kelsall (parochial curate of Rushton) 1637-1687 **69**
Kelsall, christened on 23 Jul 1637 at Etchells, was 3rd son of John Kelsall of Etchells, Cheshire yeoman c1596-1677 (? and Ann Ashton). He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 25 Sep 1664 he was ordained deacon and on 21 May 1665 ordained priest (both) by York *pro* Lichfield. In 1664 or 1665 after probable presentation by the vicar of Leek *then* George Roades c1627-1695 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Rushton. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for either of the Rushton townships and was not assessed there. He probably resigned at Rushton about 1671 when after presentation by Francis Revell he was instituted rector of Pinxton, Derbys. Still in office at Pinxton he died, aged 50, and was buried there on 12 Feb 1686.7. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 13 Apr 1687. His personalty was valued at £180/1/8 and included "In the Study one watch and bookes £12". Kelsall married first about 22 Oct 1667 to Mary Gibson c1642-1675 by whom he had 2 sons and 3 daughters. He married second on 30 Sep 1676 at Nottingham to Jane Hall by whom he had 3 sons and 3 daughters. Roger Kelsall (vicar of Wormingford, Essex) c1632-?1692 was his oldest brother and Roger Kelsall 1678-.... who was expelled from Jesus College, Cambridge in 1699 after converting quaker was a son.

Samuel Langley (parochial curate & vicar-preacher of Tamworth) c1622-1694 **70**
Langley, born about 1622, was a son of Thomas Langley of Middlewich, Cheshire clergyman c1584-1657. He studied at Oxford and at Cambridge where in 1642.3 he was admitted as a pensioner at Emmanuel College. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1642.3 (M.A., Christ's College, 1646). In 1644

he was *intruded* a fellow of Christ's College but resigned before his marriage in 1649. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 13 Apr 1648 when he was appointed by the House of Lords as presbyterian minister of Swettenham, Cheshire. Here he may have resigned before 23 Jul 1658 when (after presentation by Sir John Repington of Amington in Tamworth knight 1608-1660 and Tamworth Corporation in Nov 1657) he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presybyterian minister of Tamworth parochial chapelry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate & vicar-preacher. On 27 Jul 1661 he was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Galloway and on 31 Jan 1661.2 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. For an undiscovered reason he had been replaced in office by 24 Sep 1662. On 17 Dec 1663 after probable presentation by Sebright Repington of Amington in Tamworth esquire c1632-1698 and Tamworth Corporation he was (again) appointed as parochial curate & vicar-preacher of Tamworth. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Tamworth and Wigginton constablewicks but was not assessed there since he lived at Bolehall in the Warwickshire part of Tamworth. Still in office he died, aged 72, on 20 Jan 1693.4 and was buried here on 23 Jan probably in the chancel. An inscribed monument was placed in the church at the end of the chancel (below). His will made on 4 Sep 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 9 Mar 1693.4. The value of his personalty is undiscovered but Langley was the owner of much property including the manor of Bolehall. His will reads "to my said son Thomas all my Manuscripts & all my bookes whatsoever except such Bibles and English Bookes as my loving wife shall thinke to keep for her own use..." Langley married in 1649 to Sarah by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters. Thomas Langley (presbyterian minister of Cambridge St Benet) c1620-c1646 was his brother. Thomas Langley (parochial curate of Hints) c1651-1705 was his first son. His first daughter Alice was the 2nd wife of John Niccols (rector of Narborough, Leics) c1648-1678. Whilst still living in Cheshire Langley was the author of *Suspension reviewed, stated, cleered and setled upon plain scripture-proof, agreeable to the former and late constitutions of the Protestant Church of England and other reformed churches...* (1658).

SAMUEL LANGLEY - SON OF THO., YT EXCELLT. MR. OF MIDDLEWICH, IN CHESHIRE, BR. OF THO., FELLOW AND ORNAMENT OF C. COL. CAM., FATHR OF THO., VIC. OF KINGSBURY, HUSBAND OF SARA 44 YEARS. FROM A FELLOWSHIP IN C.C. CAM., INVITED TO SWEETENHAM, IN CHESHIRE; THENCE HITHER, WHERE HE SPENT ONE HALFE OF HIS LIFE. TIL WITHIN 4 YEARS OF HIS DECEAS WAS NEVER HINDRED FROM PREACHING IN COURSE TWICE EVERY LORD'S DAY SO ELABORATELY AS TO INFORM THE LEARNED IN DIFFICULT TEXTS, AND YET EDIFY THE MEANEST. HE DYED JANUARY 20TH 1693.4 ÆTAT. 72. [PALMER (1871) P301/2]

Alexander Lawder M.A. (rector of Broom) c1627-1682 **71**

Lawder, born about 1627, was probably of Scottish parentage. He studied at Edinburgh where he was a student at King James's College. At Edinburgh he graduated M.A. on 28 Jul 1648. Perhaps by 1657 he was head schoolmaster of Kinver Grammar School and was still in office when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662 (as a schoolmaster). On 21 Aug 1662 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. Probably later in 1662 he resigned when - after presentation by William Hammerton (of Dunsley in Kinver) "gentleman" c1618-p1680 *by right of* his wife Catherine Coney dau of Sir Sutton Coney (? of South Stoke, Lincs) knight *by right of* her late husband Sir William Whorwood of Stourton in Kinver knight c1618-a1657 - he was instituted rector of Broom (*in Worcester diocese*). In 1665 the hearth tax for Clent & Broom constablewick was certified by Walter Wheeler (vicar of Clent) e1632-1669 **QV** and the "Minister" at Broom was assessed on 4 hearths. This was likely Lawder but the record names the minister as Humphrey Waldron his presbyterian predecessor. Still in office Lawder died, aged about 55, and was buried here on 31 Jan 1681.2. His will was proved under Worcester on 22 Mar 1681.2. Lawder married first 19 May 1657 at Kinver to Ann Hackett (d 1665) by whom he had 2 daughters. He married second on 5 Apr 1666 at Worcester St Swithin to Ann Smith by whom he had 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Thomas Lees (parochial curate of Wetton) e1640-1683 **72**

Lees, born perhaps about 1640, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. Then in office as schoolmaster of Kingsley parish school he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* (as a schoolmaster) on 28 Aug 1662 (four days late). In Sep 1664 and then schoolmaster of Wetton parish school he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. On 1 Aug 1665 he was in office as parochial curate of Wetton. That year he did not certify the hearth tax for Wetton constablewick and was not assessed there. He was likely still in office on 31 Dec 1665 but probably by 1670 was parochial curate of Fulford where he was also schoolmaster of the parish school. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 43, and was buried on 15 Jul 1683 at Draycott-in-the-Moors. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 28 Sep 1683. His personalty was valued at £93/18/0 and included "In the Studie - It[em] one deske one box & one chare & quishen - and all his Bookes & ?shelves £15". Lees married (? on 29 Dec 1670 at Stone) to Elizabeth (?Nabbs) by whom he probably had a son.

Richard Leeves M.A. (rector of Forton) c1621-1673 **73**

Leeves, born about 1621, was a younger son of William Leeves of Wimborne, Dorset"gentleman" c1586-.... He studied at Oxford where on 24 Mar 1636.7 he was a student at St Edmund Hall and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 14 Dec 1641 (M.A., 5 Jul 1644). He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 30 May 1654 when after presentation by Gerard Skrymsher of Aqualate in Forton esquire c1605-1666 he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Forton rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 10 Sep 1660 he was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Oxford *pro* Lichfield. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 26 Sep 1662 (33 days late). In Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £60. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Meretown-cum-Forton constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 52, and was buried here on 17 Mar 1672.3. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 3 Apr 1673. His personalty was valued at £651/10/6 and included "In the study & thereabouts his ready money plate wearing apparell and books £60". Leeves may not have married. Robert Leeves (rector of Warminghurst, Sussex) c1616-1693 was an older brother.

John Lightfoot D.D. (rector of Ashley) 1602-1675 **74**

Lightfoot, born 29 Mar 1602, was 2nd son of Thomas Lighfoot (vicar of Uttoxeter) c1572-1653 and Elizabeth (Bagnall). He was educated at Moreton Green near Congleton, Cheshire under Thomas Whitehead. He studied at Cambridge where in Jul 1617 he was a sizar at Christ's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1620.1 (M.A., 1624) (D.D., St Catharine's Hall, 1651). From 1621 to 1623 he was an assistant schoolmaster of Repton Grammar School, Derbys. On 22 Sep 1622 he was ordained deacon and on 21 Sep 1623 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. In 1626 he was appointed chaplain to Sir Rowland Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop knight c1577-1634 and was likely a stipendiary curate at Norton-in-Hales. From 1627 to 1629 he was a stipendiary curate at Stone and from 1629 to 1630 he was resident at Hornsey, Middx. On 15 Sep 1630 after presentation by Sir Rowland Cotton he was instituted rector of Ashley. Likely in Apr 1642 Lightfoot was chosen by the *House of commons* as a member of the *Westminster assembly of divines* (which held meetings between 1643 and 1653). He is said to have moved to London in 1642. In 1643 Lightfoot was a lecturer at London St Bartholomew-by-the-Exchange and on 16 Apr 1643 Robert Marchenton e1613-1654 was appointed stipendiary curate-in-charge at Ashley. Under *An act against the enjoying of pluralities ...* (16 Jan 1642.3) Lightfoot probably resigned at Ashley shortly before Feb 1643.4 when he was in office as *compliant* minister of Great Munden, Herts. At Ashley during *the presbyterian intrusion* his brothers Samuel Lightfoot M.A. c1612 -.... and Josiah Lightfoot M.A. c1610-1684 both served as *compliant* ministers. In 1650 he was appointed master of St Catharine's Hall, Cambridge and in 1654-5 was acting vice-chancellor of the university. At Great Munden in early Jun 1660 he probably continued as *de jure* rector but following *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) he appears to have been removed. However on 13 Dec 1660 after presentation by the Crown he was (again) instituted rector of Great Munden. By the same act he was, *plurally,* restored as rector of Ashley and thus displaced his brother Josiah Lightfoot. However since John was not *resident* his brother Josiah continued in office as stipendiary curate-in-charge. Lightfoot subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Jul 1662. In 1665 the (Ashley) rectory was valued at £40. In 1665 his brother Josiah certified the hearth tax for Ashley constablewick and was assessed on 7 hearths. On 22 Jan 1667.8 John Lightfoot was appointed 2nd prebendary of Ely. Still in office at Ashley, Ely and Great Munden Lightfoot died, aged 73, on 6 Dec 1675 at Ely but was buried on 9 Dec at Great Munden. His will made on 23 Sep 1675 was proved under *PCC* on 29 Dec 1675. The value of his personalty is undiscovered but in his will he made bequests of over £500. Lightfoot married first 21 May 1628 to Joyce Crompton (c1597-?1656) dau of William Crompton of "Stone Park", Stone esquire c1543-?1600 and widow of George Copwood of Dilhorne c1570-1626 by whom he had 4 sons and 2 daughters. He married second about 1658 Ann (d a1675) widow of Austin Brograve. John Lightfoot (a minister) 1631-1661 was his first son, Anastasius Cotton Jackson Lightfoot (vicar of Thundridge, Herts) 1635-1671 was his third son whilst his daughter Joyce was the wife of John Duckfield M.A. (rector of Aspenden, Herts) c1625-1685. Lightfoot was a hebrew and theological scholar and author of many books which include *Erubhin, or, miscellanies christian and judaicall* (1629), works on Exodus (1643) and Acts (1645), *Harmony of the foure evangelists* (1644-1658), *Horae hebraicae et talmudicae* (1658) and, the posthumous, *Opera omnia* (1686). Lightfoot's theological beliefs were complex. Ordained into the anglican church he was later a *committed* presbyterian and later still (apparently) a *committed* anglican. [and see ODNB]

William Lownes B.A. (vicar of Madeley) c1639-1699 **75**

Lownes, born perhaps about 1639, was of Cheshire parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 21 Jun 1655 he was admitted as a sizar at Jesus College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1658.9. He may have been qualified as a presbyterian clergyman. Perhaps appointed in 1661 he was on 20 Aug 1662 in office as a stipendiary curate at Stoke-upon-Trent when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* but was only ordained ?deacon by Lichfield on (the

next day) 21 Aug 1662. He probably resigned at Stoke-upon-Trent before 6 Jun 1664 when after presentation by Mary Offley 1622-1718 *by right* as widow of John Offley of Madeley esquire c1619-1658 he was instituted vicar of Madeley. On 29 Jul 1664 he was (?again) ordained priest by Lichfield. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Madeley constablewick but was assessed on 2 hearths "for the Viccaridge". He resigned at Madeley before 8 Feb 1681.2 when after probable presention by Mary Offley 1622-1718 *by right* as widow of John Offley of Madeley esquire c1619-1658 he was appointed rector of Darlaston**.** Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 60, on 22 Jun 1699 and was buried here on 23 Jun. His will made on 22 Jun 1699 was proved under Lichfield on 12 Dec 1699. His personalty was valued at £12/17/4 and included " books 10/0". Lowndes married about 1664 to Jane by whom he had 3 sons and 4 daughters.

Roger Lynch M.A. (parochial curate of Hints & Weeford) c1613-1668 76
Lynch, born about 1613, was a son of Anthony Lynch of Newbury, Berks "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 13 Apr 1632 he was a student at St John's College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 7 Jun 1632
(M.A., 4 Jun 1635). On 24 May 1635 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and presumably later ordained priest. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. He was in office as *compliant* minister of Norton-under-Cannock when, apparently a *committed* presbyterian, he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. Whilst here he received an augmentation of up to £45 to his annual salary of £10. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 19 Aug 1662. In 1665 he was still a resident and was assessed on 4 hearths. However he had by then been replaced in office and that year certified the hearth tax for both Hints constablewick and Weeford & Thickbroome constablewick. He was then probably, *jointly*, in office as parochial curate of Hints (having perhaps been presented by the prebendary of Lichfield Hansacre *then* John Cornelius c1605-1675 - who was also patron of Norton-under-Cannock) and of Weeford (having perhaps been presented by the prebendary of Lichfield Weeford *then* John Mainwaring c1605-1692 **QV**) where both the previous presbyterian ministers had been deprived in 1662. Likely still in both offices he died, aged about 55, and was buried on 19 Jul 1668 at Weeford. Lynch may not have married.

James Maddock B.A. (vicar of Ellastone) c1637-1697 77
Maddock, born about 1637, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where on 20 Jul 1654 he was a servitor at Brasenose College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 19 Jan 1657.8. On 2 Aug 1661 (together with John Cook c1636-.... **QV**) he was ordained deacon and priest by Sodor & Man. In Jan 1661.2 after presentation by Thomas Rothwell of Newton-in-Makerfield, Lancs gentleman - probably acting as attorney for Sir Thomas Fleetwood of Calwich in Ellastone 2nd Baronet c1609-1673 - he was *de facto* in office as vicar of Ellastone. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 20 Aug 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 30 Dec 1662. The next day he was actually instituted at Ellastone. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £20. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 4 hearths at Calwich & Norwood in Ellastone constablewick. Still in office he died, aged about 60, and was buried here on 12 Apr 1697. His will made on 7 Apr 1697 was proved under Lichfield on 29 Apr 1697. His personalty was valued at about £140 and included "hys library of books £22". Maddock married on 13 Jan 1679.80 at Ellastone to Prudence Madeley by whom he had 3 sons and 3 daughters. James Maddock deacon 1682-1746 was his first son and Thomas Maddock (parochial curate of Alsop-in-the-Dale, Derbys) 1684-?1752 his second son.

John Mainwaring D.D. (rector of Stoke-upon-Trent) c1605-1692 78
Mainwaring, born about 1605 at London, was 2nd son of Edward Mainwaring of Whitmore esquire 1577-1647 and Sarah Stone dau and coheir of John Stone of Bow Churchyard, London citizen and haberdasher. He studied at Cambridge where in Jul 1622 he was a pensioner at Christ's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1625.6 (M.A., Caius College, 1629) (D.D., Christ's College, 1654). In 1629 whilst a scholar at Caius College he was elected a fellow of Caius and served until 1633. On 18 Dec 1630 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. On 15 Dec 1632 he was collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury as rector of Witherley, Leics. Here he probably resigned before 10 May 1633 when after presentation by Roger Brereton of Newcastle "gentleman" c1580-1651 he was instituted rector of Stoke-upon-Trent. On 1 Oct 1640 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Weeford.
From 5 Feb 1643.4 his prebend was abolished but he continued at Stoke-upon-Trent as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He was also restored as a prebendary. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 9 Jul 1662. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £100. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Bucknall & Great Fenton, Little Fenton & Longton and Penkhull & members constablewicks and was assessed on 13 hearths "whereof 5 stoppt up" at

Stoke-upon-Trent township. On 9 Oct 1690 he was admitted as a canon residentiary at Lichfield. Still in office at Stoke-upon-Trent and as prebendary and canon residentiary at Lichfield he died, aged about 87, and was buried on 14 May 1692 at Stoke upon Trent. His will made on 24 Feb 1691.2 was proved under Lichfield on 31 Aug 1692. In it he bequeathed "my library of bookes" to a nephew. Mainwaring married first about 1633 Susanna Pigott dau of Walter Pigott of Chetwynd, Salop esquire c1575-1665 (no known children). He married second about 1656 Ann Gregson (d ? 1694) dau of George Gregson of Turnditch, Derbys c1606-.... (no known children). Mainwaring's presentation as rector of Stoke-upon-Trent was disputed and on 20 Nov 1633 the Crown presented John Bowyer (vicar of Biddulph) c1599-?1654 as rector but he was not instituted. On 11 Feb 1635.6 the *Court of High Commissions,* who were considering a charge of simony against Mainwaring and his patron Roger Brereton, dismissed the charge against Mainwaring but found Brereton at fault and fined him. Mainwaring *qua* rector of Stoke-upon-Trent was patron of the parochial chapelries of Bagnall (where he had probably presented Thomas Cooke **QV** about 1665), Bucknall, Burslem (where he had probably presented Isaac Keeling **QV** about 1638) , Norton-in-the-Moors (where he had probably presented Humphrey Repton **QV** in 1660) and (?) Whitmore (where he had probably presented John Cook **QV** in 1662 and George Barnsley **QV** in 1665). Also Mainwaring *qua* prebendary of Weeford was patron of Weeford and had probably presented Roger Lynch **QV** about 1665.

Edward ?Marker (parochial curate of Arley) e1622-.... 79
Marker, born perhaps about 1622, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 5 Mar 1661.2 when after probable presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Henry Lyttelton of Frankley, Worcs 2nd Baronet c1624-1693 he was in office as parochial curate of Arley. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Arley constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths there. He had been replaced in office by 10 Apr 1666. He may not have married. His surname is uncertain.

Thomas Mason M.A. (vicar of Chebsey) c1607-1681 80
Mason, born (perhaps) about 1607, is of unknown parentage. He is probably the man of this name who studied at Cambridge where in Lent 1623.4 he matriculated sizar from St Catharine's College (and) at Cambridge graduated B.A. in 1626.7 (M.A., 1630) (and) on 25 Sep 1631 was ordained deacon by Peterborough and on 26 Feb 1631.2 ordained priest by Peterborough *pro* Lichfield. On 4 Jul 1642 after presentation by (? Sir Walter Littleton knight (vicar-General of Lichfield) 1607-1670) *pro hac vice* the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was instituted vicar of Chebsey. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here sequestered him after a group of parishioners exhibited articles against him as *compliant* minister but in 1646 the *Committee for plundered ministers*. After 1650 Woolrich, a local farmer, acquired the income of the parish and "hired Itinerant Preachers to supply the cure". He also paid Mason his *fifth*. By 1651.2 Mason was - *jointly - compliant* minister of Ellenhall parochial chapelry and Ranton parochial chapelry. In early Jun 1660 he continued there as *de jure* parochial curate (in both parishes). He probably resigned both offices when he was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as vicar of Chebsey and thus displaced any man who was in office. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £5. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Cold Norton constablewick (which lay in Chebsey parish) and was assessed on 4 hearths at Chebsey constablewick. Still in office he died, aged about 74, and was buried here on 31 Mar 1681. His will made on 22 Mar 1680.1 was proved under Lichfield on 18 Apr 1681. His personalty was valued at £142/2/0 and included "the bookes £5". Mason married about 1642 Mary Croxton c1618-1706 dau of (his predecessor at Chebsey) Richard Croxton (vicar of Chebsey) c1580-e1642 by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. His daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Josiah Lightfoot (rector of Ashley) 1650-1683. Walker writes in 1714 "He was a Man of great Honesty, Loyalty, and Learning".

Thomas Masters M.A. (rector of Tatenhill) 1626-1696 81
Masters, christened on 25 Jun 1626 at Salisbury St Thomas, was 5th son of George Masters of Salisbury, Wilts and Mary. He hay have studied at Oxford as a student at Magdalen Hall. At Oxford he was created B.A. on 15 Apr 1648 (M.A., 29 Jan 1650.1). On 11 Oct 1648 he was elected a fellow of Exeter College and served until 1657.8. On 14 Feb 1660.1 he was ordained (?deacon and) priest by Galloway. On 1 Apr 1661 after presentation by Samuel Watson gentleman he was instituted rector of Congerstone, Leics. Here he resigned before 3 Feb 1662.3 when after presentation by the Crown he was instituted rector of Tatenhill and on the same day licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. On 5 Feb he was inducted. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £140. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Tatenhill but was assessed on 6 hearths. Still in office he died, aged 70, on 28 Mar 1696 and was buried here on 31 Mar. An inscribed monument was placed in the church. His will made on 23 Sep 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 22 May 1696. Masters married about 1659 - probably to Isabella (d 1696) - by whom he (likely) had 3 sons. Samuel Masters (prebendary of Lichfield Gaia Major) 1646-1694 was his nephew. Charles Masters 1663-1686 was his first son and

he succeded Samuel Masters as a fellow of Exeter College. John Reay (vicar of Long Clawson, Leics) c1644-1725 was his brother-in-law to whom he bequeathed a book "David Pareus com'entary on the scriptures in 2 volumes". Masters *qua* rector of Tatenhill was patron of the parochial chapelries of Barton-under-Needwood and Wychnor (where he had probably presented George Swan **QV** in 1665).

Thomas Meakin (parochial curate of Horton) c1633-1717 **82**
Meakin, born perhaps about 1633, is of unknown parentage. Probably as a literate he was presumably ordained deacon shortly before 1663. About 1663 after probable presentation by the vicar of Leek *then* George Roades c1627-1695 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Horton. In Jun 1665 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Horton constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Horton township. Meakin likely resigned at Horton about 1671 when after probable presentation by the (same) vicar of Leek he was licensed parochial curate of Rushton. In 1714 he continued in office as perpetual curate. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 84, on 14 Mar 1716.7 and was buried here on 18 Mar. Meakin married about 1663 to Elizabeth by whom he had 2 sons and 3 daughters. His successor at Rushton was his older son William Meakin 1666-1750.

William Miller B.A. (vicar of Wednesbury) 1640-1688 **83**
Miller, christened on 20 May 1640 at Coventry Holy Trinity, was a son of William Miller of Coventry, Warwicks. He studied at Cambridge where on 21 Jun 1658 he was admitted as a sizar at Pembroke College and in 1659 matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1661.2. On 12 Jul 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* and was ordained deacon by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662 when he was also licensed parochial curate of Binley, Warwicks. On 26 Jul 1663 he was ordained priest and that month licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. At Binley he probably resigned before 23 Nov 1664 when after presentation by the Crown he was was instituted vicar of Wednesbury. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £28. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Wednesbury constablewick but "The Vicares house" was assessed on 5 hearths at Wednesbury township. Still in office he died, aged 48, and was buried here on 17 Nov 1688. Miller married on 12 Oct 1665 at Frankton, Warwicks to Dorothy Robins of Hillmorton, Warwicks by whom he had 4 sons and 2 daughters. In 1686 the historian Robert Plot reported that Miller had earlier sighted a meteor at Wednesbury church "... seen Nov 22, 1672... against the West door of Wednesbury Church, by the Ingenious Mr. Miller vicar there..."

John Morrall (parochial curate of Shareshill) c1642-1700 **84**
Morrall, born about 1642, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 22 Sep 1662 he was appointed schoolmaster of Cannock parish school. In Jul 1663 he was ordained deacon and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. Probably in 1664 (perhaps after presentation by the vicar of Penkridge *then* Nathaniel Hinde M.A. ?1605-1673 **QV**) he was licensed parochial curate (and apparently as late as 22 Oct 1669 appointed reader) of Shareshill. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Great Saredon, Little Saredon and Shareshill constablewicks - which comprised Shareshill parish - but was not assessed there. In Sep 1667 he was ordained priest by Lichfield. Still in office he died, aged 58, and was buried here on 2 Dec 1700. An inscribed monument was placed in the church (below). His undated will was proved under Lichfield on 20 Dec 1700. His personalty was valued at £368/14/9 and included " Books £5". Morrall married about 1667 to Judith (d 1690) by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

"H. S. J. JOHANNES MORRALL HUJUS ECCLESIAE PER ANNOS 36 VIGILANS ET FIDELIS PASTOR VIR SPECTATISSIMAE PROBITATIS VITAEQUE INTEGERRIMAE OBIIT ANNO AETATIS SUAE 58° ET CHRISTI 1700".

Nathaniel Mott M.A. (vicar of Abbots Bromley) c1628-1699 **85**
Mott, born about 1628, was a son of Henry Mott of Lichfield "gentleman" c1593-a1670 and Elizabeth. He studied at Oxford where in 1648 he was a student at New Inn Hall. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 1 Jun 1649 (M.A., 18 Nov 1652). In 1649 he was elected a fellow of University College. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman before 31 Mar 1652 when he was in office as presbyterian minister of Abbots Bromley and the *Committee for the reformation of the universities* granted him an augmentation of £16/6/8 to his annual salary of £55. In 1658.9 he certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar but, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was displaced from office when Hugh Humphreys c1610-1693 **QV** was restored here. Next he was briefly in office as *de facto* vicar of Abbots Bromley. In Jan 1661.2 he paid a clerical subsidy of 10/0 but, since he was not anglicanly ordained, he must have shortly afterwards been disqualified from office. On 19 Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon and on 21 Dec 1662 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield and the same month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. On 27 Apr 1665 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) William Paget 6th Baron Paget of Beaudesert K.B. 1609-1678 he was instituted vicar of Abbots Bromley and inducted there on 7 May. That year he certified the hearth tax for Abbots Bromley, Bagots Bromley and Bromley Hurst constablewicks and was assessed on two hearths at

Abbots Bromley. He resigned Abbots Bromley before 28 Jul 1668 when after probable presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Theophilus Biddulph of Elmhurst in Lichfield 1st Baronet c1614-1683 he was instituted vicar of Lapley and inducted there on 31 Jul. In office at Lapley he died, aged about 71, and was buried there on 14 Apr 1699. His will made on 20 Jan 1698.9 was proved under Lichfield on 12 Dec 1699. His personalty was valued at £35/7/6. Mott married on 24 Nov 1653 at Stafford St Mary to Mary Abberley daughter of Walter Abberley of Stafford "gentleman" c1586-.... by whom he had 4 sons and 1 daughter. His son John Mott 1671-1737 succeded him as vicar of Lapley.

Ralph Murhall M.A. (parochial curate of Barlaston) c1626-1696 **86**
Murhall, born about 1626, was a son of John Murhall of Staffordshire. He studied at Cambridge where on 27 Jun 1645 he was admitted as a sizar at Pembroke College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1648.9 (M.A., 1652). He was presumably qualified to be a presbyterian clergyman by 4 Jul 1655 when he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Talk-on-the-Hill parochial chapelry. On 6 Oct 1655 he was *classically* ordained as a presbyterian clergyman by a ?Surrey classis at Bermondsey St Mary Magdalene. At Talk he was replaced in office by 1659. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. By 1661 - then presumably anglicanly ordained deacon - he had been licensed parochial curate of Acton Trussell. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Aug 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield in Sep 1662. At Acton Trussell he was replaced in office the following month. In Feb 1661.2 after probable presentation by Richard Fowler of Harnage Grange, Salop esquire c1618-1687 *qua* guardian of his under-age son Francis Leveson Fowler of Harnage Grange, Salop esquire 1641-1667 he was licensed parochial curate of Barlaston. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Barlaston constablewick but was not assessed there. About 1678 he left office at Barlaston and is not known to have held further offices. He died, aged about 70, and was buried on 13 Aug 1696 at Caverswall. His will made on 5 Aug 1696 was proved under Lichfield on 23 Oct 1696. His personalty was valued at £112/5/0 and included "Bookes £1". Murhall married on 25 Jul 1666 at Burslem to Ann Malkin (d 1699) by whom he had 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Edward Neville B.A. (rector of Standon) c1615-1672 **87**
Neville, born about 1615, was a son of Thomas Neville of Wetwood in Eccleshall "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 18 Jun 1630 he was a student at Pembroke College and matriculated. Later he migrated to Oriel College. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 15 Feb 1633.4. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 25 Sep 1636 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 9 Mar 1636.7 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield and the same day licensed parochial curate of West Bromwich. In Feb 1643.4 he (? probably refused to sign the *Solemn league and covenant* and) was removed. On 3 Apr 1648 (perhaps after presentation by Thomas Heath D.C.L. (chancellor of Peterbrough) c1598-1680) he was appointed *compliant* minister of Standon rectory and on 22 Jun paid first fruits. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In 1657 he certified the fitness of a candidate for the ministry. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He was not restored at West Bromwich. At Wolverhampton Assizes on 8 Mar 1661.2 he was found not guilty on an indictment "for refusing to read the book containing the proclamation". He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Aug 1662 (four days late). In 1665 the rectory was valued at £50. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Standon constablewick but was assessed on 3 hearths at Standon township. Still in office he died, aged about 57, and was buried here on 1 Mar 1671.2. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 18 Apr 1672. His personalty was valued at £412 and included "His closett of Bookes printed & manuscripts £30". Neville married perhaps about 1655 to Elizabeth by whom he had 1 son.

Jonathan Newey B.A. (parochial curate of Kinver) ?1637-1716 **88**
Newey, (? christened on 6 Apr 1637 at Chaddesley Corbett), was probably a son of John Newey of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs "gentleman" and Deanes (Stanley). He studied at Oxford where on 25 Jul 1655 he was a student at Pembroke College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 12 Feb 1658.9. On 17 Sep 1661 he was ordained (?deacon and) priest by Galloway. About Sep 1662 after presentation by Kinver parishioners he was appointed as parochial curate of Kinver. On 10 Dec 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Kinver constablewick but was assessed on 6 hearths at Kinver township. About 26 Jun 1704 he was, *jointly*, instituted as non-resident rector of Doverdale, Worcs on condition that he employed a stipendiary curate-in-charge. Still in both offices he died, aged about 79, and was buried at Kinver on 27 Aug 1716. Newey married about 1663 to Mary (d ?1719) by whom he had 2 sons and 8 daughters. Newey was noticed as "a little man but a Brave one" and as "a worthy man". He and his wife Mary gifted a large silver chalice engraved "J N M" to Kinver church. In 1717 his widow Mary assisted trustees in the purchase of property in the parish which was in part, as desired by Newey, to provide an income for a parish charity school (which may never have been established). The

maiden name of Newey's wife Mary is undiscovered but she may have been an heiress for she appears to have died in posession of assets amounting to nearly £1,000. Newey's sons were John Newey (dean of Chichester) 1664-1735 (who at his death had £7,400 in the bank of England) and Samuel Newey of London draper 1681-.... Of his daughters - Catherine was the wife of William Trimnell (dean of Winchester) c1673-1729 and Frances was the wife of Edward Waddington (bishop of Chichester) c1670-1731. Newey *qua* parochial curate of Kinver was probably patron of Bobbington (where he may have presented John Toye e1622-.... **QV** who was licensed parochial curate here before 31 Oct 1662). On 17 Aug 1677 Newey was author of a brief note regarding John Duncalf - which was published as a postscript to James Illingworth *A just narrative or account of a man whose legs and arms rotted off in the parish of Kingswinford, Staffordshire* (1678).

John Nickins B.A. (rector of Blymhill) c1628-1668 **89**
Nickins, born about 1628, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 17 Mar 1645.6 he was admitted as a pensioner at Trinity College and in 1647 matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1649. Probably during that year he qualified as a presbyterian clergyman and was appointed presybyterian minister of Blymhill. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 20 Aug 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* and was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 21 Aug 1662 and perhaps then officially instituted rector. He was licensed as a preacher in Jan 1663.4. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £60. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Blymhill & Brineton constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths there. Still in office he died, aged about 40, about Sep 1668 and was likely buried here. Nickins married about 1653 Mary by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 27 Apr 1669. Nicholas Nickins (head schoolmaster of Walsall Grammar School and vicar of Rushall) 1659-1729 was his second son.

Charles Norwood (parochial curate of Fulford) e1614-.... **90**
Norwood, born perhaps about 1614, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade
and was likely ordained deacon and priest about 1638. [Indeed he may be the man of this name who was on 23 Sep 1638 ordained deacon by Lichfield and was sometime parochial curate of Osmaston, Derbys.] He may not have been in an office during *the presbyterian intrusion* (1644/60). Possibly after presentation by the parochial curate of Stone *then* James Hancox 1637-1707 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Fulford on 13 Oct 1662 when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Fulford and Hilderstone constablewicks but was not assessed at either. He had been succeded in office by 23 Nov 1676. Norwood may not have married. No subsequent record has been discovered.

Gabriel Offley D.D. (rector of Mucklestone) 1611-1683 **91**
Offley, christened on 16 Oct 1611 at London St Peter-le-Poer, was 4th son of Sir Robert Offley of London knight 1583-1623 and Mary (Lowe). He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1629 he was admitted as a pensioner at Trinity College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1632.3 (M.A., 1636) (D.D., *lit. reg.*, 1660). In 1633 he was elected a fellow of Trinity College. Offley was likely ordained deacon and priest by 1636. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. About Jun 1656 after presentation by John Offley of Madeley esquire c1619-1658 he was appointed *?compliant* minister of Mucklestone rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 8 Jul 1662. On 6 Oct 1662 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Longdon. In 1665 Offley who was a chaplain to King Charles II was "noted as being on the King's business". That year he certified the hearth tax for Mucklestone constablewick and was assessed on 5 hearths. On 10 Oct 1665 after presentation by George Evelyn gentleman he was, *plurally,* instituted as rector of Abinger, Surrey. He was replaced in office at Mucklestone on 17 Feb 1666.7. Then on 9 May 1670 after presentation by the Crown he was, *plurally,* instituted as rector of Worplesdon, Surrey. Still in office at Lichfield Longdon, Abinger and Worplesdon he died, aged 72, in Feb 1683. Offley married about 1656 to Frances (d ?1716) by whom he had 2 sons and 4 daughters. Robert Offley (rector of Abinger, Surrey) 1666-1743 was his second son. His daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Thomas Crawley (rector of Abinger, Surrey)....-1685.

Thomas Orton (parochial curate of Fradswell, Gratwich [? & Kingstone]) c1639-?1701 **92**
Orton, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. In 1662, apparently before ordination, he may have been, *jointly*, licensed parochial curate of Fradswell (after probable presentation by the vicar of Colwich *then* Augustine Schoolecroft 1633-1700 **QV**), Gratwich and Kingstone and then on 27 Sep 1663 was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield and in Sep 1663 licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Fradswell constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Gratwich constablewick. He was likely in office at Fradswell until at least 1667, at Gratwich until 1701 and at Kingstone until 1693. Orton

may have died, aged about 62, in 1701. Orton married on 6 Jul 1694 at Chebsey to Sarah Belcher (d ?1729) by whom he had 1 daughter.

Brutus Ottey (parochial curate of Kings Bromley) c1605-1666 **93**
Ottey, born about 1605, was 1st son of Thomas Ottey (sexton and vicar choral of Lichfield cathedral) c1580-1627 and Dorothy (?Crosse). As a literate on 31 May 1629 he was ordained deacon and on 1 Jun 1629 ordained priest (both) by Peterborough. He may not have been in an office during *the presbyterian intrusion* (1644/60). About Aug 1662 after probable presentation by the prebendary of Alrewas *then* Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-1676 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Kings Bromley and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Aug 1662. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Kings Bromley constablewick and was not assessed there. He might have been living with (? his son) Thomas Ottey who was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he died, aged 61, and was buried here on 19 Feb 1665.6. Ottey married on 3 Nov 1638 at Alrewas to Joyce Shemmonds (d ?1670) by whom he may had a son Thomas. In 1665 the hearth tax for Kings Bromley constablewick was certified by John Betts e1618-1677 likely acting as stipendiary curate-in-charge for Ottey. Thomas Ottey e1607-1670 and William Ottey e1609-.... who were both vicars choral of Lichfield cathedral were probably his younger brothers.

Thomas Oulton (parochial curate of Newcastle) ?1637-1704 **94**
Oulton, (? christened on 10 May 1637 at Nantwich), was probably a son of Edward Oulton of Nantwich, Cheshire "gentleman". He studied at Cambridge where on 26 Jun 1658 he was admitted as a sizar at Clare Hall and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1661.2. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 26 Jul 1663 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 27 Jul 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. That year after presentation by Newcastle borough council he was licensed parochial curate of Newcastle. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Newcastle constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. Between 1685 and 1687 at a period when Newcastle was experiencing political problems Oulton was kept out of office but then returned. On 4 Jul 1698 he was replaced in office. Oulton died, aged about 67, and was buried on 17 Jan 1703.4 at Newcastle. His will made on 13 Aug 1703 was proved under Lichfield on 14 Jun 1704. His personalty was valued at £36/14/11. Oulton married on 11 Nov 1663 at Newcastle to Jane Kirke (d 1723) by whom he had 2 daughters.

Nicholas Paston M.A. (rector of Kingswinford) c1599-1669 **95**
Paston, born about 1599, was 2nd son of John Paston of Kingswinford "gentleman" c1570-1636 and Elizabeth. He studied at Oxford where on 23 Oct 1618 he was a student at Magdalen Hall and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 27 Jan 1620 (M.A., 9 Jul 1623). On 23 Sep 1621 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and on 18 Dec 1624 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 25 Jan 1625.6 after presentation by his father he was instituted as rector of Kingswinford. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister and, apparently a *committed* presbyterian, signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. On 11 Jul 1660 after presentation by Francis Elcock gentleman he was instituted as rector of Rolleston but is not known to have been inducted. At Kingswinford he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 29 Jul 1662. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £100. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Kingswinford constablewick and was assessed on 5 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 70, and was probably buried at Birmingham on 26 Oct 1699. His will made on 18 Apr 1669 was proved under *PCC* on 1 Nov 1669. Paston married first on 25 Nov 1628 at Kingswinford to Jane Tymins by whom he had 8 sons and 5 daughters. He married second on 24 Jun 1659 at Kingswinford to Margaret (probably widow of Thomas Milward) (no known children). In 1621 Paston was bequeathed the advowson of Wombourn and Trysull (or more probably a *turn* or *turns*) by his uncle Nicholas Paston. Several close family members of Nicholas Paston were clergymen. Previous rectors of Kingswinford were his uncle Nicholas Paston c1547-1622 and (? another uncle) George Paston c1560-1630. Edward Paston (presbyterian minister of Halesowen, Worcs) 1617-1697 was his brother. Edward's son was John Paston (rector of Welford-on-Avon, Glos) c1656-1689. Nicholas Paston also had a son of the same name - John Paston (rector of Himley) c1639-1687. Another of his sons Joseph Paston 1643-.... may have been ordained. Yet another John - John Paston (of Kingswinford clerk) c1649-1677 - was probably a more distant kinsman.

William Pierce B.A. (vicar of Sheriff Hales) c1638-1673 **96**
Pierce, born about 1638, was of Shropshire parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 9 Jun 1656 he was admitted as a sizar at King's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1659.60. On 13 & 14 Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon and priest and on 15 Dec 1662 licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. On 15 Dec 1662 after presentation by Richard Fowler of Harnage Grange, Salop esquire c1618-1687 *qua* guardian of his under-age son Francis Leveson Fowler of Harnage Grange, Salop esquire 1641-1667 he was instituted vicar of Sheriff Hales and

inducted on 1 Jan 1662.3. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £45. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Sheriff Hales constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths at Sheriff Hales township. Still in office he died, aged about 35, and was buried here on 19 Jan 1672.3. Pierce may not have married.

John Presbury M.A. (parochial curate of Newborough) c1599-1667 **97**
Presbury, born about 1599, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1616 he was admitted as a sizar at Queen's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1620.1 (M.A., 1624).
On 8 Jun 1623 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and on 23 May 1624 ordained priest by Peterborough. On 12 Apr 1630 he was in office as a stipendiary curate at East Leake, Notts. For a period about 1634 he was living at Watford, Herts. On 11 Dec 1638 he was appointed stipendiary curate at Hanbury vicarage (and schoolmaster of the parish school) and on 5 Feb 1643.4 might have continued in office as *compliant* assistant minister until 25 Jun 1646 when the *Committee for plundered ministers* appointed him as *compliant* minister here. He was removed about 1651. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. Perhaps about 1662 likely after presentation by the vicar of Hanbury *then* Peter Watkinson c1608-?1688 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Newborough. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Newborough constablewick but was not assessed there. Still in office he died, aged about 68, and was buried on 6 Jun 1667 at Hanbury. Presbury married first in 1632 at London St Dunstan-in-the-West to Ann Burgess by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter. He married second about 1639 to Hannah (d 1641) by whom he had 1 son. He married third about 1643 to Mary (d 1683) by whom he had 1 son and another child perhaps a daughter.

Richard Pretty M.A. (rector of Aldridge) c1611-1682 **98**
Pretty, born about 1611, was a son of Thomas Pretty of Yardley, Worcs gentleman. He studied at Oxford where on 20 Jun 1628 he was a student at Oriel College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 30 Apr 1631 (M.A., 29 Mar 1634). He was ordained deacon and on 13 Mar 1635.6 was ordained priest by Lichfield. On 21 Jun 1636 after presentation by the Crown he was instituted vicar of Hampton-in-Arden, Warwicks and on 22 Sep 1636 after presentation by Thomas Fox and George Peirson (? *qua* William Scott of Great Barr gentleman c1584-1644) he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Aldridge. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued as *compliant* minister in both parishes but under *An act against the enjoying of pluralities ...* (16 Jan 1642.3) was required to resign one of them. It was perhaps about Dec 1646 that he did resign Hampton-in-Arden but continued at Aldridge. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. By the same act he was also restored as vicar of Hampton-in-Arden. On 6 Sep 1660 he was installed as prebendary of Lichfield Bobenhull. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 9 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Aldridge constablewick and was assessed on 7 hearths there. Still in all his offices he died, aged about 71, and was buried on 16 Mar 1682 at Hampton-in-Arden. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 30 Mar 1682. His personalty was valued at £257/14/4. Pretty married first about 1634 to Elizabeth (d 1645) by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter.. He married second in 1646 to a widow Ann Wythe (d 1684) by whom he had 3 sons and probably 1 daughter. His son Gamaliel Pretty 1647-1673 was rector of Mavesyn Ridware. Pretty *qua* rector of Aldridge was patron of the parochial chapelry of Great Barr.

Humphrey Repton (parochial curate of Norton-in-the-Moors) ?1620-1695 **99**
Repton, (? christened on 6 Apr 1620 at Tatenhill), was probably a son of Humphrey Repton of Tatenhill "gentleman". He studied at Cambridge where on 7 Nov 1639 he was admitted as a pensioner at Jesus College but did not graduate. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 22 May 1651 ordained priest by Thomas Fuller (bishop of Ardfert and Aghadoe) 1593–1667 *pro* Lichfield (probably at London). On 5 Dec 1651 the *Committee for plundered ministers* appointed him *compliant* minister of Weston-upon-Trent parochial chapelry where he may have served until 31 Dec 1658. He probably then served as *compliant* minister of Norton-in-the-Moors parochial chapelry and in early Jun 1660 continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 20 Aug 1662 and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 21 Oct 1663. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Norton-in-the-Moors constablewick but was not assessed there. Still in office he died, aged about 75, about May 1695, and was probably buried here. His will made on 4 Feb 1683.4 was proved under Lichfield on 11 Oct 1695. His personalty was valued at £292/16/2 and included "all bookes in his Library". Repton married about 1650 to Dorothy (d ? 1701) by whom he had 3 sons and 4 daughters. John Repton (rector of Stoke-upon-Trent) 1657-1730 was his youngest son and succeded his father at Norton-in-the-Moors.

Thomas Reynolds B.A. (parochial curate of Gnosall) c1633-1674 **100**

Reynolds, born about 1633, is of unknown parentage but probably son of a "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 9 Nov 1650 he was a student at Balliol College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 19 Jan 1653.4. He may have been qualified as a presbyterian clergyman. After probable presentation by the bishop of Lichfield *then* John Hacket 1592-1670 he may have been in office as parochial curate of Gnosall by 9 Jul 1661 and certainly was by Jan 1661.2. On 12 Jul 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity but* was only ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Gnosall, Knightley and Moreton & Wilbrighton constablewicks which all lay within the parish of Gnosall. At Gnosall township he was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 41, and was buried here on 10 Apr 1674. His will made on 12 Mar 1673.4 was proved under Lichfield on 6 May 1674. His personalty was valued at £45/16/0 and included a number of books valued at £8/8/0: *"The 2 first Tomes of Pooles Synopsis £3; Scapula's Lexicon 15/0; Fla??ius illyrirus ?chanis Scriptura 15/0; Carthusianus upon Job etc 5/0; Sir Walter Rowley's history upon the world £1; Cotton's Concordance 5/0; Erasmus paraphrase upon St Pauls Epistles 3/0; Bullinger & Ursinus 5/0; His Bible & Common=prayer=booke and other small bookes £2".* Reynolds married on 6 Apr 1659 at Haughton to Margaret Fletcher (d ?1697) dau of Thomas Fletcher B.A. (rector of Haughton) c1594-1684 **QV** by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter.

George Roades B.A. (vicar of Leek) c1627-1695 **101**

Roades, born about 1627, was a son of John Roades of Leek "gentleman" c1597-.... He studied at Cambridge where on 21 Jun 1645 he was admitted as a sizar at Clare Hall and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1648.9. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1649 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Repton, Derbys. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 27 Oct 1661 ordained priest by Chester. That year he was licensed parochial curate of Rushton where he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 16 Jul 1662 and still in office on 1 Sep 1662 but had been succeded by 1664. On 12 Aug 1662 after presentation by Thomas Rudyard of Rudyard in Leek esquire c1628-1696 he was, jointly, instituted vicar of Leek and on the same day subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £12. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Bradnop, Horton and Leek constablewicks and was assessed on 4 hearths at Leek township. Still in office he died, aged about 68, shortly before 17 Jun 1695 with burial perhaps as requested in the chancel at Leek. His will made on 14 Mar 1691.2 was proved under Lichfield on 24 Jun 1695. His personalty (which included "In bonds bill and other securities for money some whereof being deperate £600") was valued at £735/15/2 and included (in the kitchen) "Three old Bookes 2/0" and (a separate item) "His books new and old £15". In his will he bequeathed to Michael Ward (rector of Leigh) 1681-1744 (son of his daughter Hannah) £100 "£20 yearly for five years maintaining of him at the University" and all his books. Roades married first about 1649 to Dorothy by whom he had ?3 sons and 3 daughters. He married second on 11 Oct 1688 at Leek to Ann Malkin (d 1697) (no known children). In 1664 some Leek parishioners complained to John Hacket (bishop of Lichfield) of "nonconformity and disorder" in the conduct of Roades. In a letter to Hacket, dated 14 Mar 1663.4, Roades made a detailed defence of his various practices which appears to have settled the matter. George Rhodes (rector of Blithfield) 1652-1713 was his first son and Josiah Roades (vicar of Alstonfield) 1656-1684 his second son. Roades *qua* vicar of Leek was patron of the parochial chapelries of Cheddleton (where he had probably presented John Fletcher **QV** about 1665), Horton (where he had probably presented Thomas Meakin **QV** about 1663), Ipstones (where he had probably presented Richard Goulden **QV** about 1665), Meerbrook, [? Onecote] and Rushton (where he had probably presented John Kelsall 1637-1687 **QV** in 1664 or 1665 and Thomas Meakin **QV** about 1671).

Francis Rowley B.A. (parochial curate of Codsall) ?1625-1667 **102**

Rowley, (? christened on 29 Sep 1625 at Astley Abbotts), was probably son of Francis Rowley of Astley Abbotts, Salop yeoman. He studied at Cambridge where on 23 Apr 1641 he was admitted as a sizar at Pembroke College and matriculated in 1642. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1646.7. On 13 Jul 1649 Francis Rowley of Astley Abbotts named a son "Francis Rowley clarke" in his will. Rowley (junior) may have been presbyterian lay reader of Chapel Chorlton in 1651.2. In Jul 1662 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. On 30 Oct 1662 he was appointed reader (and probably licensed parochial curate) of Codsall. In 1665, as "curate", he certified the hearth tax for Codsall and Oaken constablewicks but was not assessed there. Still in office he died, aged about 42, and was buried here on 6 Oct 1667. Rowley married about 1664 to a woman by whom he had 1 son. Francis Rowley (vicar of Eccleshall) c1576-.... might be a kinsman.

John Saunders B.A. (rector of Colton) c1619-1682 **103**

Saunders, born about 1619, was probably a son of William Saunders of Colton "gentleman". If so he studied at Oxford where on 24 Mar 1636.7 he was a student at Oriel College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 16 Nov 1640. Saunders was likely ordained deacon and priest before

1643. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. In 1651 after presentation by Walter Aston 2nd Baron Aston of Forfar c1609-1678 he was appointed *compliant* minister of Colton rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. By 23 Jul 1660 after probable presentation by Thomas Jones (vicar of Rugeley) e1610-1672 **QV** (? *pro* Walter Aston 2nd Baron Aston of Forfar c1609-1678) he was instituted rector. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 19 Aug 1662. On 25 Nov 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £60 (or £90 pa). In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Colton constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. On 5 Feb 1672.3 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Pipa Parva (and installed 22 Feb). Still in both offices he died, aged about 63, and was buried on 21 Jan 1681.2 at Colton. His will made on 25 Sep 1681 was proved under Lichfield on 6 Sep 1682. His elder son John Saunders (rector of Leigh) c1647-1717 placed a monument in the church at Ashbourne, Derbys in memory of his parents (below) but it should be noted that Saunders was not provost (proepositi) of Oriel College. Saunders married first about 1645 Dorothy Crompton c1610-1667 widow of Edward Sprott of Ashmore Brook in Lichfield gentleman c1605-1644 by whom he had 2 sons and 2 daughters. Dorothy Crompton was probably the daughter of Thomas (not John) Crompton of Stone Park c1573-1645 whose mother was Jane Aston first dau of Sir Walter Aston of Tixall Knight 1530-1589 (grandfather of Walter Aston 1st Baron Aston of Forfar 1584-1639). Saunders married second perhaps about 1670 to Elizabeth.

Conduntur Reliquiae | Johannis Saunders rectoris de Leigh et utraque academia in | artibus magistri | Filii primogeniti | Johannis Saunders rectoris de Coulton prebendarii de Lichfield |atque olim apud Oxonienses Scti Orielis collegii proepositi | et Dorotheoe uxoris ejus filioe Johannis Crompton | de Stone Park armigeri neptisque Gualteri | Domini Aston Baronis de Forfar. | Hoec monumenta Memorioe parentum ejus sacra | Johannes Saunders L.L.B. | Ecclesioe Anglicanoe Presbyter | Proprus sumptibus extruenda fecit.

Augustine Schoolecroft B.A. (vicar of Colwich) 1633-1700 **104**

Schoolecroft, christened on 3 Nov 1633 at Lancaster St Mary, was a son of James Schoolecroft of Lancaster St Mary clergyman c1603-?1688. He studied at Cambridge where on 12 Apr 1654 he was admitted as a sizar at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1657.8. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 27 Jul 1659 when he was "an assistant" to John Greensmith (presbyterian minister of Colwich) ?1629-1666. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. On 10 Mar 1660.1 (together with Michael Edge 1634-1683 **QV**) he was ordained deacon at "the chapel of his oratory at the Barbican" and on 13 Mar 1660.1 ordained priest at Aldersgate Steet, London (both) by Lincoln. He was parochial curate of Chilcote, Derbys when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 26 Jul 1662. In Feb 1662.3 after presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Colwich *then* Alexander Fetherston c1617-1684 he was instituted vicar of Colwich and the same month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Colwich constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths at Colwich township. Still in office he died, aged 67, and was buried here on 16 Feb 1699.1700. Schoolecroft married on 6 Dec 1666 at Colwich to Sarah Greensmith ?1633-1687 probably daughter of Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner c1599-1649 by whom he had 2 daughters. John Greensmith (presbyterian minister of Colwich) ?1629-1666, who was Schoolecroft's immediate predecessor at Colwich, was probably the brother of his wife Sarah. Schoolecroft *qua* vicar of Colwich was patron of the parochial chapelry of Fradswell (where he may have presented Thomas Orton c1639-?1701 **QV**).

John Selleck D.D. (rector of Clifton Campville) 1612-1690 **105**

Selleck, christened on 6 Jan 1611.2 at Over Stowey, was 2nd son of Robert Selleck of Over Stowey, Soms yeoman c1584-1637 and Theophila Cox dau of Henry Cox (rector of Nether Stowey, Soms). He studied at Oxford where about 1628 he was a student at Christ Church. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 11 Feb 1630.1 (M.A., 29 Oct 1633). On 21 Sep 1634 he was ordained deacon by Bath & Wells and presumably later ordained priest. Probably in 1643 he was instituted rector of Elworthy, Soms. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued as *compliant* minister but was soon removed. Selleck was a royalist and supporter of Charles II who later recommended him "he having suffered for loyalty and done great service for preservation of His Majesty's person when in danger". In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. On 21 Jul 1660 he was collated prebendary of Salisbury Ruscombe and on 1 Aug 1660 collated prebendary of Wells St Decuman. At Wells he was also a canon residentiary. He was, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) restored as rector of Elworthy. On 6 Jun 1661 he was collated archdeacon of Bath. Probably on 4 Feb 1663.4 he was conferred D.D. by the archbishop of Canterbury. On 11 Nov 1664 after presentation by Sir John Coventry of Pitminster, Soms K.B. c1636-1685 he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Clifton Campville. Here in 1665 the hearth tax assessment is headed "In the Parsonage house ... Five [hearths]". Presumably it was vacant - no clergyman certified the return. Still in all his offices Selleck died, aged 78, and was buried on 1 Jul 1690 at Wells cathedral. His will made on 10 Dec 1686 was proved under *PCC* on 9 Oct 1690. Selleck is not discovered to have visited Clifton Campville where as a pluralist he was required to appoint a stipendiary curate-in-charge. In 1673 Joseph Smith **QV** was in that office. In his will he did bequeath £40 to the poor here. Selleck

married about 1641 Margaret Hallett (d 1654) of Corfe, Soms by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters. Nathaniel Selleck (rector of Clifton Campville) c1648-1700 was his second son and succeded his father at Clifton Campville. Selleck *qua* rector of Clifton Campville was patron of Harlaston.

William Shaw M.A. (rector of Mavesyn Ridware) c1617-1672 **106**
Shaw, born about 1617, was a son of Ralph Shaw of Sandbach, Cheshire yeoman. He was educated at Sandbach. He studied at Cambridge where on 12 May 1635 he was admitted as a sizar at Pembroke College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1638.9 (M.A., 1642). Shaw was likely ordained deacon and priest before 1643. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. In 1648 he may have been - unsuccesfully - presented by John Agard as *?compliant* minister of Mavesyn Ridware. By 3 Feb 1651.2 he was in office as *?compliant* minister of Broughton but it is undiscovered how long he continued in office. In a lawsuit of about 1659 Shaw claimed to be the rightful minister of Mavesyn Ridware. Although his claim was not upheld at law he seems to have caused the existing presbyterian minister Richard Swinfen 1630-1691 to coercively resign about Jun 1660. In early Jun 1660 Shaw may have continued at Broughton as *de jure* parochial curate but had likely left office before 7 Sep 1660 when he was instituted rector of Mavesyn Ridware. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 1 Aug 1662. On 23 Jan 1663.4 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Pipa Parva. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Mavesyn Ridware constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. On 17 Feb 1666.7 after presentation by Mary Offley 1622-1718 *by right* as widow of John Offley of Madeley esquire c1619-1658 and their son John Offley of Madeley esquire 1651-1688 he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Mucklestone. Still in all his offices he died, aged about 55, on 16 Nov 1672 and was buried on 18 Nov in the chancel at Mavesyn Ridware. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 19 Apr 1673. His personalty was valued at £265/4/0. Shaw married about 1643 to Catherine Broughton c1618-1689 dau of John Broughton of Whittington in Eccleshall gentleman c1594-1659 by whom he had 2 sons and probably 2 daughters. Bryan Shaw (rector of Barthomley, Cheshire) c1649-1699 was his older son and John Shaw (rector of Mavesyn Ridware) c1652-1710 was his younger son. Ann Shaw - wife of Josias Deane (parochial curate of Armitage & Pipe Ridware) c1638-1697 **QV** - was probably his older daughter.

Edward Shawe (parochial curate of Marchington) c1643-1686 **107**
Shawe, born about 1643, was a son of James Shawe of Chesterfield, Derbys. He studied at Cambridge where on 27 Apr 1663 he was admitted as a sizar at Magdalene College but is not known to have graduated. On 25 Jul 1663 he was ordained deacon and on 5 Jul 1664 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 4 Aug 1665 after probable presentation by the vicar of Hanbury *then* Peter Watkinson c1608-?1688 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Marchington. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Marchington constablewick and was not assessed there. He probably resigned at Marchington before 3 Sep 1668 when after presentation by Philip Stanhope 2nd Earl of Chesterfield c1634-1713 he was instituted as rector of Somersall Herbert, Derbys. Still in office he died, aged about 43, about Apr 1686. His will made on 29 Mar 1686 was proved under Lichfield on 23 Apr 1686. Shawe married about 1673 a widow by whom he had 3 sons. Abraham Shawe M.A. (rector of Edlington, Yorks West Riding) c1659-.... was a younger brother.

James Shawe (vicar of Milwich) c1585-1672 **108**
Shawe, born about 1585, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 22 Jul 1605 he was schoolmaster of Milwich parish school and was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 25 Oct 1610 when after presentation by Walter Aston 1st Baron Aston of Forfar 1584-1639 he was instituted as vicar of Milwich. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. On 1 Aug 1665 he was said to be "old and sick". In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Milwich constablewick and was assessed on 2 hearths at Coton township. Still in office he died, aged about 87, and was buried here in May 1672. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 18 Nov 1672. Shaw married about 1624 to Dorothy by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Anthony Sherly (parochial curate of Farewell) e1622-1688 **109**
Sherly, born perhaps about 1622, is of unknown parentage. He is said to have studied at Oxford as a student at All Souls. On 21 Jun 1662 in his will Anthony Dyott of Lichfield St Mary esquire 1616-1662 recommended to his brother's care his "faithful clerk" Anthony Shirley and left him an annuity of fifty shillings. Sherly was probably ordained deacon before 20 Aug 1662 when he was in office as stipendiary curate of Yoxall and subscribed to *The act of uniformity*. On 21 Feb 1664 he is said to have been ordained deacon (? *recte* priest) by Lichfield. About 1665 after probable presentation by the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was licensed parochial curate of Farewell. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax tax for Pipe-cum-members constablewick (which contained Farewell) but was not

assessed there probably because he was living at Sandford Street, Lichfield where he was assessed on 3 hearths about 1668. Sherly was still in office in 1666. Possibly still in office he died, perhaps aged about 66, about Nov 1688 probably at Lichfield. His will made on 3o Oct 1688 was proved under Lichfield on 13 Dec 1688. His personalty was valued at £10/6/0 and included "A parcell of old Books 8/0". Sherly may not have married.

John Sherratt (? parochial curate of Castle Church & Coppenhall) c1640-1675 110
Sherratt, born perhaps about 1640, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. In Sep 1664 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield but may never have been ordained priest. By Sep 1664 he was schoolmaster of Church Eaton Grammar School in succession to Edward Southall ?1636-1673 **QV**. Southall was also, *jointly*, parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall and it seems probable that Sherratt succeded him in those offices at the same time. Sherratt was also licensed as a preacher by Lichfield at Penkridge in Sep 1664. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Coppenhall-cum-Butterhall constablewick but was not assessed there. Still in office at Church Eaton and probably at Castle Church and Coppenhall he died, aged about 35, and was buried on 10 Apr 1675 at Church Eaton. Sherratt may not have married.

Joseph Shilton (parochial curate of Burton-upon-Trent) c1625-1670 111
Shilton, born perhaps about 1625, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 6 Apr 1654 he was (apparently) *classically* ordained as a presbyterian clergyman by the Derbyshire Wirksworth Classis at Shustoke, Warwicks to serve as presbyterian minister of Shustoke vicarage. In early Jun 1660 he may have continued here as *de jure* vicar but probably left office before 9 Jan 1661.2 when after probable presentation by William Paget 6th Baron Paget of Beaudesert K.B. 1609-1678 he was in office as parochial curate of Burton-upon-Trent. On 12 Jul 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* and was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662. On 16 Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Branston, Burton Extra, Burton-upon-Trent, Horninglow and Stretton constablewicks and as "Minister" was assessed on 3 hearths at Burton Extra constablewick. Still in office at Burton-upon-Trent he died, aged about 45, and was buried here on 13 Nov 1670. Shilton married probably about 1653 to a woman by whom he had a son - John Shilton (head schoolmaster of Burton-upon-Trent Grammar School) c1654-....

Joseph Smith (vicar of Tutbury) e1640-.... 112
Smith, born perhaps about 1640, is of unknown parentage. Probably as a literate he was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 1665 when he was in office as vicar of Tutbury. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Tutbury constablewick but was probably assessed on 2 hearths. In Mar 1669 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. He resigned at Tutbury in 1670 and by 1673 was in office as stipendiary curate-in-charge at Clifton Campville in the place of the rector John Selleck D.D. 1612-1690 **QV** (a pluralist who lived at Elworthy, Soms). Smith married perhaps about 1669 to Ann by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter.

Nicholas Smith B.A. (rector of Draycott-in-the-Moors) e1588-?1677 113

Smith, born about 1588, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 24 Jul 1606 he was admitted as a sizar at Emmanuel College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1609.10. On 22 Dec 1611 he was ordained deacon and on 7 Jun 1612 ordained priest (both) by York. On 8 Jun 1612 he was licensed as a preacher by York. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1646 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Tatham, Lancs. He was a member of a local classis and, apparently a *committed* presbyterian, signed the *Lancashire testimony* of 1648. It is not known how long he served here. He might have been appointed minister of Draycott-in-the-Moors rectory before Jun 1660 and might then have continued in office as *de jure* rector. Here about Jan 1661.2 he paid a clerical subsidy of 10/0. On 1 Jul 1662 after presentation by George Parker of "Park Hall", Weston Coyney in Caverswall esquire c1592-1675 and (his son and heir apparent) William Parker c1621-1703 he was instituted rector of Draycott-in-the-Moors. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £45. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax but was assessed on 3 hearths at Draycott-in-the-Moors constablewick. Smith was still in office on 23 Nov 1676 and likely died, perhaps aged about 89, in 1677. Smith may not have married.

Edward Southall (parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent) 1636-1674 114
Southall, christened on 2 Feb 1635.6 at Albrighton, was 2nd son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane alias Wood). He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was schoolmaster of Church Eaton Grammar School when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* (as a schoolmaster) on 12 Aug 1662. In Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and was then in office, *jointly*, as parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall. (By Sep 1664 he had been succeded at Church Eaton, Castle Church and

Coppenhall by John Sherratt c1640-1675 **QV**). In Dec 1663 he was ordained priest and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. On 21 Dec 1663 he was appointed stipendiary curate of Longford, Salop and was still in office on 21 Jul 1665. Perhaps in Autumn 1665 after probable presentation by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) esquire 1620-1684 he was licensed parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Weston-upon-Trent constablewick and was not assessed there. About 25 Mar 1666 he signed the parish register as "vicar". He resigned at Weston-upon-Trent before 8 Jun 1670 when after presentation by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-.... he was instituted as rector of Longford, Salop. Still in office he died, aged 38, and was buried here on 22 May 1674. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 17 Sep 1674. His personalty was valued at £19/19/2 and included " his books 16/6". Southall married about 1671 to Elizabeth by whom he had 1 son. John Southall (parochial curate of Patshull) 1634-1677 **QV** was his older brother. Thomas Southall B.A. (presbyterian minister of Codsall) 1608-.... and William Southall (vicar of Pattingham) 1611-1677 **QV** were his uncles. Edward Southall was succeded at Longford by his uncle William.

John Southall (parochial curate of Patshull) 1634-1677 **115**
Southall, christened on 11 May 1634 at Albrighton, was 1st son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane alias Wood). He was only educated to literate grade. In Sep 1663 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. On 28 Sep 1663 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) Sir Richard Astley of Patshull 1st Baronet c1625-1688 he was licensed parochial curate of Patshull. He was sometimes styled "vicar of Patshull". In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Patshull constablewick and was not assessed there. Still in office he died, aged 43, and was buried on 19 Mar 1676.7 at Albrighton. Southall may not have married. Edward Southall (parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent) 1636-1674 **QV** was his younger brother. Thomas Southall B.A. (presbyterian minister of Codsall) 1608-.... and William Southall (vicar of Pattingham) 1611-1677 **QV** were his uncles.

William Southall (vicar of Pattingham) 1611-1677 **116**
Southall, christened on 8 Sep 1611 at Albrighton, was 3rd son of William Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1566-.... and Joan Chapman dau of John Chapman of Donington clerk. He studied at Oxford where on 25 Nov 1631 he was a student at Pembroke College and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 22 Feb 1635 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. About 1647 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Pattingham vicarage. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Aug 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Pattingham constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths. On 6 Jul 1674 after presentation by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-.... he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Longford, Salop and inducted the next day. Still in office at Pattingham and Longford he died, aged 66, and was buried on 8 May 1677 at Pattingham. Southall married first on 23 Nov 1639 at Kinver to Eleanor Dickens (d 1657) by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter. He married second on 6 Jan 1659.60 at Pattingham to Alice Fowke (no known children). Thomas Southall B.A. (presbyterian minister of Codsall) 1608-.... was his older brother. John Southall (parochial curate of Patshull) 1634-1677 **QV** and Edward Southall (parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent) 1636-1674 **QV** were his nephews. William Southall was preceded at Longford by his nephew Edward. [NB: Another William Southall was presbyterian minister at Bednall in 1658 and Baswich in 1659].

Devereux Spencer M.A. (rector of Cheadle) ?1629-1673 **117**
Spencer, (? christened on 16 Jan 1628.9 at Wanlip), was probably 1st son of Nicholas Spencer of Wanlip, Leics yeoman and Judith (Fox). He studied at Cambridge where on 22 Apr 1646 he was admitted as a sizar at Trinity College and matriculated and in 1649 was a scholar. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1649.50 (M.A., 1653). In 1650 he was a elected a fellow of Trinity College. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 10 Jun 1657 when after presentation by Thomas Disney esquire he was appointed presbyterian minister of Lowther, Westmorland. He probably resigned there before 11 Feb 1658.9 when after presentation by Trinity College, Cambridge he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Cheadle rectory. On 3 Feb 1659.60 he was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Exeter [Ralph Brownrigg 1592-1659] *pro* Lichfield. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. In Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £50. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Cheadle constablewick and was assessed on 5 hearths there. On 7 Aug 1688 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Gaia Minor and later installed. Still in both offices he died, aged about 44, on 23 May 1673 and was buried on 26 May at Cheadle. His will made on 11 Jan 1671.2 was proved under *PCC* on 24 Nov 1673. Spencer married

about 1661 to Jane Ashton (b 1633) 5th dau of Edward Ashton of High Shuttleworth, Lancs esquire c1583-1650 and Dorothy Dukenfield dau of Robert Dukenfield by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters. William Spencer D.D. (rector of Thurnscoe, Yorks West Riding) 1629-1714 was probably his younger brother whilst Devereux Spencer M.A. (vicar of Cardington, Beds) 1665-1701 was his older son. His wife's oldest sister Catherine was the wife of William Langley?1596-1657 his predecessor at Cheadle.

Robert Spencer (vicar of Bradley) c1606-1670 **118**
Spencer, born perhaps about 1606, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 18 Dec 1630 when he was schoolmaster of Eccleshall parish school (and possibly a stipendiary curate here) he was ordained deacon by Lichfield. He was also (? re-ordained deacon) and ordained priest by Lichfield on 2 Mar 1634.5. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1647 he was *compliant* minister of Bradley. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 26 Sep 1662 (33 days late). In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Alstone & Reule, Barton & Apeton, Billington, Bradley and Wollaston & Shredicote constablewicks and was certified *not chargeable* at Bradley constablewick. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 64, and was buried here on 12 Apr 1670. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 25 Jul 1670. Spencer married perhaps about 1640 to Alice (who survived him) (no known children). [NB: It is just possible that two men are conflated in this account.]

Peter Spendelow B.A. (rector of Norbury) 1639-1712 **119**
Spendelow, christened on 4 Aug 1639 atWem, was 2nd son of Roger Spendelow of Tilley in Wem, Salop gentleman c1600-.... and Elizabeth (Bowzer). He studied at Oxford where on 18 Mar 1657.8 he was a student at Brasenose College and subscribed. At Oxford he graduated B.A. in 1661. He was ordained deacon and on 21 Dec 1662 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 22 Dec 1662 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) John Skrymsher of Norbury esquire 1600-1667 he was instituted as rector of Norbury and the same month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £40. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Norbury constablewick but was assessed on 3 hearths at Norbury township. Still in office he died, aged 73, and was buried here on 28 Apr 1712. His will made on 14 Mar 1711.2 was proved under Lichfield on 16 Oct 1712. His personalty was valued at £244/16/0 and included "his bookes £12/19/6". Spendelow married first about Jul 1662 to Alice Shelley c1642-1678 by whom he had 5 sons and 3 daughters. He married second about 1684 to Ann by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. His youngest daughter Esther was the wife of William Adams M.A. (rector of Norbury) c1680-1747 who succeded him at Norbury. John Spendelow B.A. (parochial curate of Stowe) 1647-.... was his younger brother.

William Squire M.A. (rector of Rolleston) ?1633-1677 **120**
Squire, (? christened 6 Jan 1632.3 at York St Michael le Belfrey), was probably a son of Thomas Squire (proctor of York). He studied at Cambridge where in 1647 he was admitted as a student at Trinity Hall. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1650. In 1652/3 his B.A. was incorporated at Oxford where he was admitted as a batteler at Brasenose College. At Oxford he was conferred M.A. on 25 Apr 1653 and was subsequently (perhaps about 1655) elected a fellow of University College and appointed chaplain of All Souls College. He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 1661 when after probable presentation by Sir Edward Mosley of Rolleston 2nd Baronet 1638-1665 he was instituted rector of Rolleston. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Aug 1662 (four days late) and was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield on 30 Sep 1663. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £90. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Anslow and Rolleston constablewicks and was assessed on 6 hearths at Rolleston. On 19 Jul 1675 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Hansacre by Gilbert Sheldon (archbishop of Canterbury) 1598-1677 (and installed 23 Jul). Still in both offices he died, aged about 44, in Sep 1677 and was buried on 4 Sep 1677 in the chancel at Rolleston "under a black marble-stone, which had been laid over the grave of one of his predecessors". His administration was granted under Lichfield on 8 Oct 1677. His personalty was valued at about £700 and included "In his studdy Bookes £120/0/0". Squire married on 3 Jun 1662 at Yoxall to Mary Coke (b c1637) dau of Francis Coke (rector of Yoxall) 1598-1682 **QV** by whom he had 1 son and 5 daughters**.** Squire was the author of *The unreasonableness of the romanists, requiring our communion with the present romish church*... (167o) and *Some more considerations proving the unreasonableness of the romanists in requiring us to return to the communion of the present romish-church* (1674). [and see ODNB]

John Stevenson M.A. (parochial curate of Burslem) c1601-1673 **121**
Stevenson, born about 1601, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where in Jul 1620 he was a pensioner at Christ's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1623.4 (M.A., 1627). On 23 Sep 1627 he was ordained deacon and on 21 Dec 1628 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. By 1639 he was parochial curate of Horton and from 5 Feb 1643.4 may have continued

as *compliant* minister. He probably resigned from Horton before 5 Oct 1645 when he was appointed *compliant* minister of Burslem. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 26 Sep 1662 (33 days late). In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Hulton constablewick (which lay in Burslem parish) but was assessed on 2 hearths at Chell (in Wolstanton parish) in Tunstall constablewick. Still in office he died, aged about 72, and was buried at Burslem on 2 Jan 1672.3. His will - in which he is styled "of Great Chell in Wolstanton clerk" - was proved under Lichfield on 28 Jan 1672.3. Stevenson may not have married.

Josiah Stubbs (rector of Kingsley) 1627-1682 **122**

Stubbs, christened on 13 May 1627 at Blore Ray, was a son of Henry Stubbs (rector and presbyterian minister of Blore Ray) c1589-1651 and (his 2nd wife) Elizabeth. He studied at Cambridge where on 12 Apr 1647 he was admitted as a sizar at Trinity College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A in 1650.1 (M.A., 1654). He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1651 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Blore Ray rectory in succession to his father. He probably resigned here before Sep 1657 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Kingsley rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 25 Jun 1660 he was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Thomas Fuller (bishop of Ardfert and Aghadoe) 1593–1667 *pro* Lichfield. By *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660) he was confirmed in office. On 4 Jan 1661.2 after presentation by Charles Stuart 5th Duke of Richmond 1639-1672 [? *by right of* his wife Elizabeth *by right of* her late husband Charles Cavendish (of Blore Ray esquire) c1626-1659 *by grant from* his father William Cavendish 1st Duke of Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1593-1676] he was instituted as rector and subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 28 Jul 1662. On 21 Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Alton constablewick (which included Kingsley) and was probably assessed on 4 hearths at Kingsley. Still in office he died, aged 55, and was buried here on 22 Jul 1682. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 6 Sep 1682. His personalty was valued at £306/6/4 and included " In the Study for severall books £102/7/0". Stubbs married about 1657 to Mary by whom he had 1 son - Henry Stubbs (a stipendiary curate at Cheadle) 1658-1686. At Kingsley, Stubbs apparently paid first fruits twice - on 13 May 1658 on appointment as presbyterian minister and on 4 Jan 1661.2 on appointment as rector.

George Swan (parochial curate of Wychnor) e1640-.... 123

Swan, born perhaps about 1640, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 26 Aug 1662 he was appointed as schoolmaster of Elford parish school. In Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon, in Dec 1663 licensed as a preacher and in Feb 1664 ordained priest (all) by Lichfield. On 4 Aug 1665 after probable presentation by the rector of Tatenhill *then* Thomas Masters 1626-1696 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Wychnor. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Wychnor constablewick but was not assessed there. Here he probably resigned at some time before 17 Nov 1676 when after probable presentation by the rector of Clifton Campville he was in office as parochial curate of Harlaston. By 1680 he was (perhaps) (after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Alrewas), *jointly*, in office as parochial curate of Edingale. In 1688 - perhaps still in office at Wychnor and Edingale and schoolmaster of Elford - Swan may have died or resigned. Swan may not have married.

Isaac Sympson M.A. (vicar of Alrewas) c1641-1684 **124**

Sympson, born about 1641, was a son of Humphrey Sympson of Macclesfield, Cheshire yeoman c1608-1676 (? and Mary Edge). He was educated at Macclesfield, Cheshire under Mr Croasdale. He studied at Dublin where on 27 May 1658 he was admitted as a sizar at Trinity College. At Dublin he graduated B.A. about 1661 (M.A., St John's College, Cambridge, 1664). On 20 Feb 1661.2 he was ordained deacon and on 25 Feb 1661.2 ordained priest (both) by Lincoln. On 19 Jun 1662 he was appointed vicar of Tideswell, Derbys where on 24 Oct 1662 he was also appointed a schoolmaster of ?Tideswell Grammar School. He resigned at Tideswell before 5 Feb 1662.3 when after presentation
by the prebendary of Lichfield Alrewas *then* (his future father-in-law) Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-1676 **QV** he was instituted vicar of Alrewas. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Alrewas constablewick but was not assessed there. He was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Coppenhall, Cheshire on 24 May 1669. He resigned at Alrewas and Coppenhall before 29 Jan 1676.7 when he was appointed vicar of Lichfield St Mary-cum-St Chad-cum-St Michael (in succession to his father-in-law). It is unclear whether he was inducted at Lichfield for in less than a month, on 25 Feb 1676.7, after presentation by Sharington Talbot of Salwarpe, Worcs esquire 1599-1677 he was instituted rector of Lacock, Wilts. In office at Lacock he died, aged about 43, and was buried there on 19 Aug 1684. His administration was granted under the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire on 29 Aug 1684. His personalty was valued at £74/5/0. Sympson married on 1 Jan 1665.6 at Blithfield to Sarah Harrison (b c1644) eldest dau of Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-

1676 **QV** by whom he had 3 sons and 3 daughters. The marriage ceremony was conducted by his older brother John Sympson (vicar of Dronfield, Derbys) c1640-1669. In 1695 Sympson's widow and three of their children were living at Bore Street, Lichfield in the household of her mother Elizabeth Harrison.

John Taylor (parochial curate of Bilston and Tipton) 1620-1673 **125**
Taylor, christened on 13 Aug 1620 at Blymhill, was a son of William Taylor of Blymhill c1590-.... and Alice. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably qualified to be a presbyterian clergyman before Feb 1646 when he is said to have been in office as minister of Dudley St Thomas. At Dudley he may have resigned before 24 Aug 1662 perhaps to avoid subscribing to the Act of uniformity. However he lived at Dudley for the rest of his life. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon by 20 Jan 1662.3 when after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Pipa Minor then Henry Greswold c1628-1700 he was licensed parochial curate of Tipton. On 14 Apr 1663 he was also appointed reader of Tipton. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Tipton constablewick but was not assessed there. Taylor is said to have allowed his predecessor at Tipton - Richard Hinks c1622-.... (a congregationalist) - to live in the “parsonage house” and Hinks was assessed on 4 hearths that year. As a parochial chapelry Tipton would not have had a parsonage (as such) so that the house involved was probably the one mentioned in Taylor’s will. Hinks had also been parochial curate of Bilston and Taylor appears to have also, jointly, succeded him here for in 1665 he also certified the hearth tax for Bilston constablewick but was not assessed there. At Bilston he was replaced in office before Aug 1668. In May 1673 Taylor committed suicide by hanging at his brother’s house in Blymhil. He died, aged 53, and was buried there at Blymhill on 24 May. His will made between 22 Nov and 13 Dec 1671 was proved under PCC on 10 Nov 1673. His personalty (? and realty) was said to be valued at £3,000. Taylor married first on 5 or 8 Jan 1658.9 at Dudley to Martha Wilmer dau of Thomas Wilmer of Dudley, Worcs c1593-.... and Martha Dudley ALIAS Tomlinson (b 1629) illeg. dau of Edward Dudley 5th Baron Dudley 1567-1643 by whom he had 3 sons. He married second on 24 Sep 1666 at Dudley to Mary Payton dau of Thomas Payton by whom he had 2 sons. In a codicil, dated 13 Dec 1671, to his will Taylor bequeathed a rentcharge of £1/5/0 (on “Cockshutt peece” in Sedgley) “for the advantage of learning in the newly erected Schole at Blimhill”. In May 1673 Philip Henry (presbyterian minister) 1631-1696 made the following entry in his diary:

> (1673) May. Mr. John Taylor Minr near Dudley in Staffordsh. having been for a while a Non-conf. afterw. did all & was præsented to a living by the lord Ward, upon the marriage of a 2nd wife whom tis said hee had £1500. hee was a very covetuous, penurious man, wrote deeds & bonds & took the common pay for doing it. This man in this month came to his Brother's house in Blimhill parish near Weston and there hangd hims. in the chamber whre hee lay, with a hat-band upon a Bucks-horn, A paper was left by him upon the Table with the words therein written, Blame no man for my Death, you know my hand-writing, So I cease to bee, John Taylor. I have been an evil doer but hope to find mercy with God for Christ his sake. Tis said having skil in the law, hee had so disposd of his p'sonal estate being £3000 that the law could take no hold of it. this I had from Mr Malden who had it from Mr Wood, who was there and saw him hang in the place.

Nathaniel Taylor M.A. (rector of Checkley) c1637-1703 **126**
Taylor, born about 1637, was probably youngest son of John Taylor (*later* presbyterian minister of Checkley) e1590-1659 and Dorothy. He studied at Cambridge where in Michs 1654 he was a pensioner at St Catharine's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1657 (M.A., 1662). He was presumably ordained deacon and priest by Jan 1661.2 when he was in office as rector of Checkley and paid a clerical subsidy of £2. However it was only on 24 Jul 1662 after presentation by (his brother-in-law) John Whitehall of "Park Hall", Leigh esquire c1624-1684 that he was instituted. On 2 Aug 1662 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £70. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Madeley Holme constablewick (which lay in Checkley parish) and was assessed on 7 hearths at Tean constablewick (which included Checkley township). On 29 Aug 1695 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Pipa Parva (and installed 8 Nov). Still in both offices he died, aged about 66, and was buried on 2 Jan 1702.3 at Checkley. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 8 Feb 1702.3. Taylor married on 15 Nov 1658 at Checkley to Ann Whitehall (d 1679) third dau of James Whitehall (rector of Checkley) 1579-1645 by whom he had 2 daughters. His older daughter Elizabeth was the wife of John Sherratt (rector of Draycott-in-the-Moors) c1652-1721**.**

Matthias Thornton B.A. (rector of Ingestre) c1619-1682 **127**
Thornton, born about 1619, was a son of Henry Thornton of Cropston in Thurcaston, Leics "gentleman"c1574-.... He studied at Oxford where on 24 Nov 1637 he was a student at Lincoln College and matriculated. He graduated B.A. on 7 Dec 1641. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by about 1651.2 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Ingestre rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 12 Jul 1662 he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* and was ordained (? deacon and) priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662.

On 16 Jul 1662 after presentation by Walter Chetwynd of Ingestre esquire 1598-1669 he was instituted rector. On 2 Dec 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £24. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Ingestre constablewick but was assessed on 2 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 63, about May 1682. His nuncupative will made on 15 Apr 1682 was proved under Lichfield on 16 May 1682. His personalty was valued at £146/4/10 and included "his wareing apparrell Books and monies found by him £10". Thornton may not have married.

Henry Tompson (parochial curate of Marston) e1611-1666 128
Tompson, born perhaps about 1611, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He may be the man of this name who was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and on 8 Sep 1636 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. Between 1647 and 1653 he was *?compliant* minister of Fradswell. In early Jun 1660 he may not have been in an office. By 26 Sep 1662 after probable presentation by the rector of Stafford St Mary *then* Daniel Bayley c1599-1676 **QV** he was in office as parochial curate of Marston and then said to be "ill". In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Marston constablewick and was assessed on 1 hearth. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 55, about Mar 1666 with burial requested in the churchyard at Sandon. His will made on 14 Feb 1665.6 was proved under Lichfield on 31 May 1666. His personalty was valued at £37/13/4 and included "For bookes £5". Tompson married on 1 Jul 1647 at Fradswell to Grace Priest (no known children).

Robert Tompson (parochial curate of Calton & Cauldon) c1612-1668 129
Tompson, born about 1612, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. He was ordained deacon and on 4 Jun 1637 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By Jan 1651.2 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Waterfall and probably resigned here before 9 Aug 1658 when (after possible presentation by a group of local freeholders) he was in office as *compliant* minister of Calton. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* parochial curate and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He had subscribed to *The act of uniformity* before 1 Sep 1662. By 1 Aug 1665 he was also, *jointly*, in office as parochial curate of Cauldon. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Cauldon constablewick but was not assessed at Calton or Cauldon. Still in both offices he died, aged about 56, and was buried on 10 May 1668 at Waterfall. His will was proved under Lichfield in 1668. Tompson married about 1649 to Susanna (d 1672) by whom he had 2 sons.

Thomas Tooth (parochial curate of Baswich) ?1636-1693 130
Tooth, (? christened on 19 Jun 1636 at Abbots Bromley), was probably a son of Richard Tooth of Abbots Bromley "gentleman". He studied at Oxford where on 28 Mar 1655 he was a servitor at St Mary Hall and matriculated but is not known to have graduated. On 11 Jul 1661 (together with John Kelsall c1636-1698 **QV**) he was as a literate ordained deacon and priest by Sodor & Man. By 26 Sep 1662 he was a stipendiary curate at Tixall. On 29 May 1663 after presentation by the chuchwardens (? *pro* Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) esquire 1620-1684) he was appointed *de facto* parochial curate of Baswich. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Brocton and Walton constablewicks (together the whole of Baswich parish) but was not assessed there. On 31 Jan 1667.8 he was (officially) licensed parochial curate. On 8 Oct 1675 he was licensed parochial curate of Marston. Still in office at Baswich and Marston he died, aged about 57, on 19 Apr 1673, probably at his residence Forebridge in Castle Church, and was buried on 24 Apr 1693 in the churchyard at Baswich. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 26 Apr 1693. His personalty was valued at £25/15/0 and included " One studdy of bookes £5 ". Tooth married about 1667 to Grace (d 1688) by whom he had 2 daughters.

John Toye (parochial curate of Bobbington) e1622-…. 131
Toye, born perhaps about 1622, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon probably shortly before he was, after probable presentation by Jonathan Newey **QV** *qua* vicar of Kinver), licensed parochial curate of Bobbington. Here he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 31 Oct 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Bobbington constablewick but was not assessed there. Toye may not have married. [NB: Toye, whose given name might have been Jonathan, was likely a son or kinsman of William Toye of Enville yeoman c1580-1650 who mentions a son John in his will. He may have lived with either Samuel Toye or Humphrey Toye who were both assessed for the 1665 hearth tax for Enville.]

Christopher Turner M.A. (rector of Grindon & parochial curate of Onecote) c1611-1675 132
Turner, born about 1611, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where about Oct 1626 he was a pensioner at Jesus College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1629.30 (M.A., 1633). He was ordained deacon and on 13 Mar 1635.6 ordained priest by Lichfield. In 1636

he was appointed a stipendiary curate at Cheadle where he was still in office in 1639. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. On 25 Apr 1646 the *Committee for plundered ministers* appointed him as *compliant* minister of Grindon rectory. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In 1665 the rectory was valued at up to £60. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Grindon constablewick (which included Blore Ray parish) and was assessed on 3 hearths at Grindon township. Turner appears to have presented and appointed himself, *jointly*, as parochial curate of Onecote where he was in office in 1665. Still in office at Grindon (and perhaps at Onecote) he died, aged about 64, in Aug 1675. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 21 Aug 1675. His personalty was valued at £150/2/8 and included (some books) "Part of a plundred Library £5". Turner married perhaps about 1650 a woman by whom he had 1 son and 1 daughter. Philip Turner B.D. (vicar of Stow-cum-Quy, Cambs) c1651-1685 was his only son. Turner *qua* rector of Grindon was patron of the parochial chapelry of Onecote (served by himself).

Thomas Unton M.A. (rector of Creswell) 1610-1693 133
Unton, christened on 21 Jan 1609.10 at Drayton, was 1st son of Thomas Unton of Drayton, Salop gentleman. He studied at Oxford where on 29 Jan 1629.30 he was a student at Trinity College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 4 Feb 1629.30 (M.A., 13 Dec 1632). He was ordained deacon and about 1635 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 21 Sep 1635 after presentation by (? the lord of the manor) Robert Lovet of London merchant c1577-?1657 he was instituted (sinecure) rector of Creswell. On 29 Mar 1639 after presentation by Henry Bromley he was, *plurally,* instituted vicar of Mountford, Salop. A dispensation (? for plurality) was granted on 16 Feb 1639.40. About Feb 1643.4 he may have been removed from both parishes. In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. On 13 Sep 1660, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers*, he was restored in both parishes. He probably resigned Mountford before 25 Aug 1662 when he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Chetwynd, Salop. Still in office at Creswell and Chetwynd he died, aged 83, on 31 Mar 1693 and was buried on 4 Apr at Drayton. In 1665 no hearth tax assessment was made at Creswell so that Unton was not assessed. His will made on 29 Mar 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 5 Jul 1693. In his will he bequeathed "my books to a publick use in the Town of Drayton" and others to Trinity College in Oxford. Unton may not have married. In the period that Unton was sinecure rector at Creswell the church was in ruins and it is possible he never visited the parish.

William Vincent B.A. (parochial curate of Acton Trussell & Bednall) c1632-c1678 134
Vincent, born about 1632, was a son of Spencer Vincent of London silk weaver. He studied at Cambridge where on 22 Jun 1650 he was admitted as a pensioner at Pembroke College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1653. On 12 Jul 1662 he was in office as a stipendiary curate at Woodcote, Salop when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* but was only ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662. On 23 Oct 1662 after probable presentation by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) esquire 1620-1684 he was, *jointly*, licensed parochial curate and appointed reader at Acton Trussell and Bednall and on 22 Apr 1663 appointed schoolmaster of Acton Trussell parish school. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Acton Trussell constablewick but was not assessed there. In 1667 he may have been living at Penkridge where in 1668 he was found to be an unlicensed teacher. In 1677 he was living at Bednall but, still in office at Acton Trussell and Bednall, is said to have died, aged about 46, about 1678 in prison. Vincent probably married about 1666 to a waoman by whom he had 1 son (who was christened on 10 Jul 1667 at Penkridge). Vincent was the author of a 1677 pamphlet entitled *Strange and true news from Staffordshire, or, a true narrative concerning a young man lying under almighty God's just vengeance, for imprecating God's judgment upon himself, and pleading his innocency though he knew himself guilty. Written by W. Vincent minister of God's word at Bednall, in the county of Stafford aforesaid, who saw and discoursed the said person upon the 26th day of April, 1677. The saddest spectacle that ever eyes beheld.*

Godfrey Ward (parochial curate of Barton-under-Needwood) e1639-1696 135
Ward, born perhaps about 1639, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where on 11 Apr 1660 he matriculated a commoner from Magdalen Hall but is not known to have graduated. He was probably ordained deacon by Lichfield at London St Andrew Holborn on 24 May 1662 and presumably later ordained priest. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* at Repton, Derbys on 30 Jul 1662. Likely later in 1662, after probable presentation by the rector of Tatenhill, he was licensed parochial curate of Barton-under-Needwood. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Barton-under-Needwood constablewick but was not assessed there. He resigned Barton-under-Needwood before 6 Oct 1671 when after probable presentation by the dean & chapter of Lichfield he was appointed vicar of Harborne and paid first fruits. In office at Harborne he died, aged about 59,

around Sep 1696. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 22 Sep 1696. Ward married first about 1662 to Jane by whom he had 4 sons and 2 daughters. He married second perhaps about 1676 to Mary who survived him. Ward appears to have had an interest in land at Rock, Worcs.

Peter Watkinson B.A. (vicar of Hanbury) c1608-?1688 **136**

Watkinson, born about 1608, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where in Easter 1625 he was admitted as a sizar at King's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1628.9. On 15 Jan 1627.8 he was, on an archbishop's licence, appointed a schoolmaster at Chesterfield Free School, Derbys. On 26 May 1632 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and presumably later ordained priest. On 21 Mar 1639 he was in office as a stipendiary curate at Brampton, Derbys. On 12 Jul 1643 by order of the House of Commons he was appointed vicar of Chigwell, Essex. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister but probably resigned in 1647/8 before being appointed *compliant* minister of Kirk Ireton, Derbys. Whilst at Kirk Ireton he was from 1651 to 1658 a member and sometime moderator of the Derbyshire Wirksworth Classis. In 1653 he declined an invitation from the parishioners of Chesterfield, Derbys to become their minister. By 3 May 1660 he was compliant minister of Wirksworth, Derbys, in early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar but a successor was instituted on 20 May 1661. On 24 Oct 1662 after collation by the bishop of Lichfield *then* John Hacket 1592-1670 he was appointed vicar of Hanbury. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Marchington & members constablewick (which contained Hanbury) and was assessed on 3 hearths at Hanbury township. Probably in late 1667 he resigned here and then served as an "assistant minister" at Sheffield, Yorks West Riding until 1670 when after presentation by Sir Thomas Wharton of Edlington, Yorks West Riding K.B. c1615-1684 he was instituted rector of Edlington. Probably still in office he died, aged about 80, perhaps in 1688. Watkinson married on 30 Dec 1630 at Chesterfield to Elizabeth Heathcote dau of Gilbert Heathcote of Chesterfield, Derbys 1585-1647 and Elizabeth (Owtrem) (no known children). In 1656 whilst at Chigwell Watkinson was the author of a poem commending a book regarding the *Psalms* written by a fellow minister William Barton. It was published with it. Much later in 1672 he preached a funeral sermon on the death of Mary the first wife of his patron Sir Thomas Wharton K.B. which was published in 1674 and then in 1684 preached again on the death of Wharton himself who bequeathed "twenty pounds to Mr Watkinson the present Minister of Edlington". Watkinson *qua* vicar of Hanbury was patron of the parochial chapelries of Marchington (where he had probably presented Edward Shawe **QV** in 1665) and Newborough (where he had probably presented John Presbury **QV** about 1660). [NB: It is just possible that two men are conflated in this account.]

Walter Wheeler (vicar of Clent) e1632-1669 **137**

Wheeler, born perhaps about 1632, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade.
He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before 6 Aug 1663 when he was in office as vicar of Clent (in Worcester diocese). In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Clent & Broom constablewick and "The Viccarrage house" was assessed on 5 hearths. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 37, and was buried here on 3 Feb 1668.9. His will made on 1 Feb 1668.9 was proved under Worcester on 29 Jun 1669. His personalty was valued at £99/0/8 and included his "study of books £18". Wheeler married perhaps about 1662 to Elizabeth by whom he had 1 daughter. Wheeler *qua* vicar of Clent was patron of the parochial chapelry of Rowley Regis.

Thomas White (parochial curate of West Bromwich) 1642-1710 **138**

White, christened on 20 Nov 1642 at Birmingham, was 1st son of Samuel White of Birmingham, Warwicks "gentleman" ?1618-a1654 and Amphelis Sadler dau of Thomas Sadler. He studied at Cambridge where on 28 Apr 1658 he was admitted as a sizar at Pembroke College and in 1660 matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1661.2 (M.A., 1671). In Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon, in Jul 1663 ordained priest and on 27 Jul 1663 licensed as a preacher (all) by Lichfield. By 4 Aug 1665 he was in office as parochial curate of West Bromwich. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for West Bromwich & Sandwell constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths. Here he probably resigned before 12 May 1674 when he was licensed ?parochial curate of London Stratford-le-Bow. On 31 Jul 1679 he was appointed preacher of London Stepney and on 1 Jul 1681 after presentation by Philadelphia Wentworth widow of Thomas Wentworth 5th Baron Wentworth 1613-1665 he was instituted rector there. On 28 Feb 1682.3 he was collated prebendary of Lichfield Longdon (and installed 30 Apr). On 7 Oct 1692 he was admitted as a canon residentiary at Lichfield but probably vacated before 30 Sep 1693. On 12 Jul 1693 (after probable presentation by his brother Samuel White and nephew Thomas White *pro* himself *qua* prebendary of Lichfield Longdon) he was, *plurally,* ?without licence, ?instituted vicar of Longdon. Here he resigned before 18 Oct 1709 when he presented his successor as vicar. Still in office at London Stratford-le-Bow and London Stepney he died, aged 68, on 25 Feb 1709.10 and was probably buried at London Stratford-le-Bow where an

inscribed monument was placed in the church. His will made on 26 Oct 1709 was proved under *PCC* on 28 March 1710. White married perhaps about 1675 to Lucy (no known children). White was the author of *A sermon preach'd to the natives of the county of Warwick, and city of Coventry, in the church of St. Mary le Bow, London, November 14th, 1695 ...* (1695).

Thomas Wilson (parochial curate of Edingale) e1632-1669 **139**
Wilson, born perhaps about 1632, is of unknown parentage. Probably as a literate he was presumably ordained deacon before 4 Feb 1662.3 when after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Alrewas *then* Richard Harrison (rector of Blithfield) c1611-1676 **QV** he was licensed parochial curate of Edingale. In 1665 he was assessed on 1 hearth at Edingale township in Alrewas constablewick. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 37, and was buried here on 4 Aug 1669. Wilson may not have married. On 20 Aug 1662 a man of the same name subscribed to *The act of uniformity* whilst parochial curate of Chapel Chorlton. Another man of the same name was licensed as a preacher at Burton-upon-Trent in Sep 1663 and was later parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent (?Derbys).

Samuel Wollaston M.A. (rector of Thorpe Constantine) c1595-1668 **140**
Wollaston, born about 1595, was a son of Richard Wollaston of Northampton ironmonger c1570-1647. He studied at Oxford where on 24 Jan 1611.2 he was a student at Trinity College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 6 Jul 1615 (M.A., 18 May 1618). He was presumably ordained deacon and priest before 19 Mar 1620.1 when after presentation by Sir Thomas Burdett of Bramcote, Warwicks 1st Baronet 1585-a1647 he was instituted rector of Thorpe Constantine. On 18 Aug 1629 after presentation (again by Burdett) he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Seckington, Warwicks (where he appears to have been replaced by 1644). On 29 May 1635 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued at Thorpe Constantine as *compliant* minister. In early Jun 1660 he was reinstated here as rector and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 31 Jul 1662. In 1665 Wollaston did not certify the hearth tax for Thorpe Constantine and was not assessed there. He had perhaps been placed in care for that year it was said that he had lost his memory, perhaps a type of dementia, and that the parish was being served by a clergyman from Seckington. Still in office he died, aged about 73, and was buried here on 2 Jun 1668. His will made on 26 Feb 1666.7 was proved under *PCC* on 21 Sep & 3 Dec 1668. Wollaston may not have married.

Ralph Woolley (vicar of Alton) c1617-1681 **141**
Woolley, born about 1615, was son (and probably heir) of John Woolley (schoolmaster of Alton parish school) e1585-.... He was only educated to literate grade. Perhaps about 1638 he was appointed schoolmaster of Alton parish school and was in office when he subscribed to *The act of uniformity* (as a schoolmaster) on 14 Aug 1662. On 14 Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon and on 15 Dec 1662 ordained priest (both) by Lichfield. On 15 Dec 1662 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) Francis Talbot 11th Earl of Shrewsbury c1624-1668 (or his representative) he was instituted vicar of Alton. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £20. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Alton constablewick when "The Vicarage" was assessed on 3 hearths. Still in office at Alton he died, aged about 66, and was buried there on 25 Feb 1680.1. His will made on 26 Dec 1680 was proved under Lichfield on 31 Mar 1681. His personalty was valued at £541/11/0 which included the large sum of £340 due on a bond from Mary Brown. An Alton property "Shaw House" had been bought by his father John Woolley in 1622 and was probably sold by Ralph Woolley (shortly before his death) to this Mary Brown. Ralph Woolley married first perhaps about 1662 to a woman (d a1671) by whom he had 2 daughters. He married second on 29 Dec 1671 to Priscilla Lathrop 1619-1694 dau of Humphrey Lathrop of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter c1586-.... John Woolley (vicar of Bromsgrove, Worcs) c1617-1662 was a (?younger) brother who in 1660 was installed prebendary of Lichfield Stotfold and in 1661 leased the prebend to Ralph Woolley and another man.

John Wright (vicar of Seighford [? & parochial curate of Stafford St Chad]) ?1636-1682 **142**
Wright, (? christened on 20 Nov 1636 at Adbaston), was probably a son of Thomas Wright of Adbaston husbandman c1603-1674 and Bridget (Angier). He probably studied at Dublin as a student at Trinity College (entering about 1654) but is not of record there and is not known to have graduated. He is probably the man of this name who was presumably ordained deacon before 23 Sep 1661 when after probable presentation by the prebendary of Lichfield Pipa Minor *then* Robert Hill e1610-1662 he was licensed parochial curate at Stafford St Chad. On 4 Mar 1661.2 Wright was ordained priest by Lichfield and also after presentation by the Crown was, *?jointly*, instituted vicar of Seighford. During Easter 1662 at Stafford Quarter Sessions he was ordered to make restitution for forcibly dispossessing (his predecessor) Richard Clayton ?1595-1669 of church and glebe. In Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £25. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Seighford constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths at Seighford

township. He resigned at Seighford (? and at Stafford St Chad) before 12 Sep 1671 about which time he was instituted as rector of Longford, Derbys. Still in office he died, aged about 46, and was buried here on 10 Jan 1681.2. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 28 Jun 1682. His personalty was valued at £205/19/0 and included "In the studdy 1 desk 1 lock & shelf & Books £30/4/0". Wright married about 1661 to Elizabeth by whom he had 5 sons and 4 daughters.

Charles Wynne (vicar of Penn) c1619-1669 **143**

Wynne, born about 1619, was of Worcestershire parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 1 Apr 1637 he was admitted as a sizar at Emmanuel College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1640.1 (M.A., 1644). About 1642 he is said to have been ordained deacon by Hereford and in Feb 1642.3 was ordained priest by Norwich *pro* Lichfield. He is said to have been a stipendiary curate at Sudbury St Peter, Suffolk. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. On 16 Dec 1646 the *Committee for plundered ministers* (with the approval of the *Westminster assembly of divines*) appointed him as *compliant* minister of Penn vicarage and granted him an augmentation of £50 to his annual salary of £30. In some following years a smaller augmentation was paid.

Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the *Staffordshire testimony* of Jul 1648. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* vicar and, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers* (13 Sep 1660), was confirmed in office. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 14 Aug 1662. On 23 Oct 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the vicarage was valued at £20. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Lower Penn and Upper Penn constablewicks and was assessed on 3 hearths at Upper Penn. Still in office he died, aged about 50, and was buried here on 2 Jun 1669. His will made on 28 May 1668 was proved under *PCC* on 15 Nov 1669. Wynne married on 18 Jan 1652.3 at Penn to Elizabeth Brindley by whom he had 2 daughters. Zachary Rogers M.A. (vicar of Great Tey, Essex) c1629-.... was his kinsman.

William Yates (rector of Blore Ray) c1632-1689 **144**

Yates, born perhaps about 1632, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Oxford where he was a student (perhaps at St Mary Hall on 26 Nov 1650 and) at Magdalen College but did not graduate. He was presumably qualified as a presbyterian clergyman by 3 Feb 1657.8 when after presentation by Charles Cavendish "Viscount Mansfield" c1626-1659 he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presybyterian minister of Blore Ray rectory. In early Jun 1660 he continued here as *de jure* rector. On 12 Feb 1661.2 he was ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield. On 15 Feb 1661.2 after presentation by (the lord of the manor) William Cavendish 1st Duke of Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1593-1676 he was instituted rector of Blore Ray. He subscribed to *The act of uniformity* on 21 Aug 1662. On 9 Nov 1663 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £40. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Grindon constablewick (which included Blore Ray parish) and was assessed on 2 hearths at Blore Ray township. On 8 Feb 1666.7 he was appointed schoolmaster of Blore Ray parish school. Still in office he died, aged about 57, and was buried here on 24 Apr 1689. His will made on 19 Feb 1688.9 was proved under Lichfield on 26 Sep 1689. His personalty was valued at £275/11/10 and included "All His Bookes in his Studdy £2". Yates married first in 1660 at Blore Ray to Ann Stubbing (d 1666) dau of Charles Stubbing by whom he had 1 daughter. He married second on 5 May 1670 at Blore Ray to a widow Elizabeth ?Morris (d 1679) by whom he had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

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